

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Aug 14, 2017) - Ivanhoe Mines (TSX:IVN)(OTCQX:IVPAF) announced today that the company is not aware of any specific reason that might be contributing to the recent decline in the company's share price. Ivanhoe Mines is making excellent progress at its three mine development projects: Kamoa-Kakula, Kipushi and Platreef.

While geopolitical tensions have been making news headlines, business and investment media also have reported recent, significant gains in US\$ pricing for copper, zinc and platinum-group metals. The depreciation of local currencies in the current risk-off environment means that some of Ivanhoe's exploration and development costs also have been declining in equivalent US-dollar values. In South Africa, the majority of Ivanhoe's costs to develop its Platreef Mine are being incurred in South African rand. Ivanhoe believes that these circumstances provide an excellent opportunity to deepen the company's commitment to its tier-one mining assets. Ivanhoe is not aware of any inherent reason in the events to justify a decline in its share price.

The drilling program at the Kamoa-Kakula Project, with 14 rigs, is continuing to expand and upgrade the high-grade Kakula mineralized trend. Drill intercepts rich in chalcocite and bornite continue to be returned at Kakula West and in the saddle area between the Kakula Mineral Resource area and the Kakula West discovery area. Drilling now has more than doubled the strike length of the Kakula West copper-rich mineralized system to approximately 2.9 kilometres, and also continued the extension of the high-grade Kakula mineralized system to more than 12 kilometres.

Ivanhoe expects to issue a comprehensive drilling update for the Kakula Copper Discovery in early September, which will include assays received since the May 2017 resource estimate. An updated Mineral Resource estimate for the entire 12-kilometre-long Kakula mineralized system that has been defined to date, including the Kakula West Discovery, is expected before the end of the year.

Ivanhoe recently began drill testing of two of the nine high-priority, new target areas at the Kamoa-Kakula Project: Kamoa Ouest (West) and Makalu/Kakula NE. Ivanhoe also has initiated a US\$4 million exploration program on its 100%-owned exploration land position in the Western Foreland region, just to the west of the Kamoa-Kakula mining licence, which is highly prospective for Kamoa-Kakula-type copper discoveries. Results from both exploration programs will be made available as they are received.

About Ivanhoe Mines

Ivanhoe Mines is advancing its three principal projects in Southern Africa: Mine development at the Platreef platinum-palladium-gold-nickel-copper discovery on the Northern Limb of South Africa's Bushveld Complex; mine development and exploration at the Kamoa-Kakula copper project on the Central African Copperbelt in the DRC; and upgrading at the historic, high-grade Kipushi zinc-copper-silver-germanium mine, also on the DRC's Copperbelt. For details, visit www.ivanhoemines.com.

Forward-looking statements

Certain statements in this release constitute "forward-looking statements" or "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable securities laws. Such statements and information involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the company, its projects, or industry results, to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements or information. Such statements can be identified by the use of words such as "may", "would", "could", "will", "intend", "expect", "believe", "plan", "anticipate", "estimate", "scheduled", "forecast", "predict" and other similar terminology, or state that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved. These statements reflect the company's current expectations regarding future events, performance and results and speak only as of the date of this release.

Such statements include without limitation, the timing and results of: (i) Ivanhoe's expectation to issue a comprehensive drilling update for the Kakula Discovery in early September, which will include assays received since the May 2017 resource estimate; and (ii) Ivanhoe's expectation to issue an updated Mineral Resource estimate for the entire 12-kilometre-long Kakula mineralized system defined to date, including the Kakula West Discovery, before the end of the year.

Forward-looking statements and information involve significant risks and uncertainties, should not be read as guarantees of future performance or results and will not necessarily be accurate indicators of whether or not such results will be achieved. A number of factors could cause actual results to differ materially from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements or information, including, but not limited to, the factors discussed below and under "Risk Factors", as well as unexpected changes in laws, rules or regulations, or their enforcement by applicable authorities; the failure of parties to contracts with the company to perform as agreed; social or labour unrest; changes in commodity prices; and the failure of exploration programs or studies to deliver anticipated results or results that would justify and support continued exploration, studies, development or operations.

Although the forward-looking statements contained in this release are based upon what management of the company believes are reasonable assumptions, the company cannot assure investors that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this release and are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. Subject to applicable securities laws, the company does not assume any

obligation to update or revise the forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date of this release.

The company's actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of the factors set forth in the "Risk Factors" section of the company's Q2 2017 MD&A and its most recent Annual Information Form.

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