

Ivanhoe Mines' projects in D.R. Congo have absolutely no relation to legal actions initiated against unrelated mining ventures

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VANCOUVER, British Columbia, April 30, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Ivanhoe Mines (TSX:IVN) (OTCQX:IVPAF) advises all of its stakeholders that legal actions initiated against two mining companies in two disputes in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in the past week have no connection whatsoever with Ivanhoe Mines, the company's subsidiaries or Ivanhoe's two major mine development projects in the DRC.

In one of the reported actions, DRC state-owned mining company, La Générale des Carrières et Mines (Gécamines), is applying to dissolve its joint-venture Kamoto Copper Company. In the other action, a company affiliated with Mr. Dan Gertler is seeking damages against a former mining partner and has served freezing orders against two related mine ventures.

"These publicized legal proceedings absolutely are not directed at, or involve, Ivanhoe Mines in any way," said Robert Friedland, Executive Chairman of Ivanhoe Mines.

"In the DRC, Ivanhoe is partnered only with Zijin Mining, the DRC Government and Gécamines. Ivanhoe is productively advancing our projects through respectful, cordial and constructive relationships with all of our partners and stakeholders.

"According to public information, one of the legal disputes involves multi-billion-dollar shareholder loans at high interest rates and the impact of those loans on the distribution of cash flows. Ivanhoe investors, though, should be aware that at Kipushi we have an inter-company loan that effectively accrues at a very modest interest rate of LIBOR plus 4%. Ivanhoe assures our investors that we will distribute Kipushi's future cash flows in an equitable, sustainable and transparent manner as we return Kipushi to production."

Ivanhoe is not aware of any company-specific reason that might be contributing to the recent volatility in Ivanhoe Mines' share price. Negotiations addressing provisions of the DRC's mining code are continuing and mining industry participants are hopeful that the issues can be resolved through an agreement that would be in the best interests of all parties.

Ivanhoe expects to be in a position to provide an update on significant potential corporate and strategic transactions, including financing initiatives, in the near future.

"In our 35 years of working with teams that have discovered, developed and financed world-leading mining projects, we have never given investment advice to our shareholders. The facts always have spoken convincingly for themselves – and now they are matters of record," Mr. Friedland added.

"Today, we sincerely urge our shareholders to be patient while we continue our work dedicated to bringing our tier-one projects to their next stages of development."

Ivanhoe is making excellent progress at all three of its mine development projects:

- Thirteen rigs at the Kamo-a-Kakula copper project in the DRC are expanding the high-grade Kakula and Kakula West discoveries and testing new targets on the licence area. Construction is continuing around the clock sinking the Kakula decline to the Kakula copper orebody.

- At the historic, high-grade Kipushi zinc-copper-lead-germanium mine, also in the DRC, independent engineers are continuing work on the Kipushi feasibility study that is expected to be issued in the second half of this year.
- Shaft 1, at the Platreef platinum-group metals, nickel, copper and gold project in South Africa, has reached a depth of 750 metres below surface and lateral development of the first mine access station is underway.

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