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Ivanhoe Mines delivers response and initiates counter-claim in arbitration proceeding with Rio Tinto

VANCOUVER, CANADA — Robert Friedland, Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Ivanhoe Mines, announced today that Ivanhoe Mines has delivered a statement of defence and initiated a counter-claim as part of an ongoing arbitration proceeding launched by Rio Tinto on July 9, 2010.

The statement of defence rejects Rio Tinto's claim that the shareholders' rights plan approved by Ivanhoe Mines' shareholders on May 7, 2010, breached Rio Tinto's contractual rights under its agreements with Ivanhoe Mines.

The counter-claim contends that Rio Tinto has breached its covenants in its private placement agreement, signed with Ivanhoe Mines in October 2006, not to engage in activities that could affect control of Ivanhoe Mines without Ivanhoe's permission.

An independent arbitrator has scheduled hearings of the claim and counter-claim between January 18 and February 5, 2011.

Mr. Friedland said that the arbitration proceeding should not have any negative impact on the rapid pace of full-scale construction now underway at Oyu Tolgoi to bring the mining complex into production ahead of schedule in 2012.

About Ivanhoe Mines (www.ivanhoemines.com)

Ivanhoe Mines (NYSE, NASDAQ & TSX: IVN) is an international mining company with operations focused in the Asia Pacific region. Assets include the company's 66% interest in the world-scale, Oyu Tolgoi copper-gold mine development project in southern Mongolia; its 57% interest in Mongolian coal miner SouthGobi Resources (TSX: SGQ; HK: 1878); a 62% interest in Ivanhoe Australia (ASX: IVA), a copper-gold-uranium-molybdenum-rhenium exploration and development company; and a 50% interest in Altynalmas Gold Ltd., a private company developing the Kyzyl Gold Project in Kazakhstan.

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All such forward-looking information and statements are based on certain assumptions and analyses made by Ivanhoe Mines' management in light of their experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other factors management believes are appropriate in the circumstances. These statements, however, are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking information or statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ from these forward-looking statements include those described under the heading "Risks and Uncertainties" in the Company's MD&A filed on Sedar. The reader is cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking information or statements.