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## **IVANHOE MINES RECEIVES US\$303 MILLION FROM RIO TINTO AS FIRST STEP IN THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP TO JOINTLY BUILD AND OPERATE THE OYU TOLGOI COPPER AND GOLD PROJECT IN MONGOLIA**

**ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA** — Robert Friedland, founder and Chairman of Ivanhoe Mines, and John Macken, Ivanhoe's President and CEO, announced today that the company has closed the first tranche of its previously announced private placement financing with Rio Tinto for proceeds of US\$303 million (CDN\$345 million). Ivanhoe's cash position now exceeds US\$400 million.

On October 18, 2006, world mining leader Rio Tinto agreed to form a strategic partnership by investing in Ivanhoe and, through an Ivanhoe-Rio Tinto Technical Committee, will jointly engineer, construct and operate Ivanhoe's Oyu Tolgoi copper-gold mining complex in Mongolia's South Gobi region. The agreement creates a defined path for Rio Tinto to become the largest shareholder in Ivanhoe Mines.

Rio Tinto has received 37.1 million Ivanhoe shares at a price of US\$8.18 (CDN\$9.31), representing a 25% premium to Ivanhoe Mines' closing price on October 17, 2006 and a premium of 30% to Ivanhoe's 20-day moving-average share price prior to October 17 of US\$6.29. Rio Tinto now owns approximately 9.95% of Ivanhoe Mines' issued share capital.

The agreement between Ivanhoe Mines (IVN: TSX, NYSE & NASDAQ) and London-based Rio Tinto (RTP: NYSE; RIO: LSX, ASX) provides for Rio Tinto to make additional investments in the equity of Ivanhoe Mines, under defined conditions, of up to approximately US\$1.5 billion (CDN\$1.7 billion). Ivanhoe has agreed to use at least 90% of the proceeds received from Rio Tinto to finance the development of Oyu Tolgoi.

Further investments by Rio Tinto in Ivanhoe Mines will be structured in the following stages:

- Rio Tinto will take up a second tranche private placement following the satisfactory conclusion of an Investment Agreement between Ivanhoe and the Mongolian Government. Rio Tinto has the option to exercise the second tranche earlier. This second tranche will consist of 46.3 million shares at a subscription price of US\$8.38 (CDN\$9.54), giving total proceeds to Ivanhoe of a further US\$388 million (CDN\$442 million). The subscription price represents a 33% premium to Ivanhoe's 20-day moving-average share price of US\$6.29, and 28% to the closing price on October 17, 2006. Completion of the first and second tranches, and an additional top-up right, will give Rio Tinto up to 19.9% of Ivanhoe's enlarged issued share capital, for a total combined investment of at least US\$691 million (CDN\$787 million).

- In addition to the two private placements, Rio Tinto has been granted non-transferable warrants over approximately 92 million Ivanhoe shares — in two equal tranches of approximately 46 million shares — at various exercise prices. When exercised, the warrants will result in additional funds to Ivanhoe of up to US\$808 million (CDN\$920 million) that, when combined with the private placements, will total approximately US\$1.5 billion (CDN\$1.7 billion). These warrants entitle Rio Tinto to increase its interest in Ivanhoe to up to 33.35% of the company's fully diluted share capital. Exercise of the warrants is conditional on the approval of Ivanhoe shareholders at an extraordinary general meeting to be convened in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, on November 30, 2006. A Management Information Circular is being prepared and soon will be mailed to all Ivanhoe Mines shareholders, who are shareholders of record on October 31, 2006.

Additional details of the strategic partnership between Rio Tinto and Ivanhoe, warrants and placement conditions can be found in Ivanhoe's news release of October 18, 2006.

More information about the company, its mining interests and exploration projects is available at [www.ivanhoemines.com](http://www.ivanhoemines.com).

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Note: Canadian dollar equivalents are shown for reference only and were calculated based on the Bank of Canada noon rate on October 17, 2006, of US\$1=CDN\$1.1380.