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ASIA GOLD MINORITY SHAREHOLDERS APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF IVANHOE MINES COAL DIVISION

VANCOUVER, B.C. – John Macken, President and CEO of Ivanhoe Mines, announced today that the company has been advised that more than 99% of Asia Gold's minority shareholders who attended in person or by proxy the special meeting of its shareholders held on August 8, 2006, have voted in favor of the following resolutions:

1. to authorize Asia Gold to enter into the Coal Transaction whereby Asia Gold will acquire the coal division of Ivanhoe Mines in consideration for the issuance of common and preferred shares; and
2. to authorize the Funding Conversion Rights whereby Asia Gold and Ivanhoe Mines are entitled to convert, in whole or in part, outstanding advances under the Interim Funding Agreement into Asia Gold common shares.

Asia Gold's shareholders also approved the continuation of the company into the Province of British Columbia under the name "Ivanhoe Coal Ltd".

On July 11, 2006, Ivanhoe Mines and Asia Gold signed a definitive agreement for Asia Gold to acquire Ivanhoe Mines' Coal Division by issuing 82,576,383 shares of Asia Gold to Ivanhoe Mines, which would result in Ivanhoe Mines owning approximately 90% of the issued and outstanding shares of Asia Gold (see Ivanhoe Mines News Release dated July 11, 2006, for full details).

The closing of the Coal Transaction remains subject to final approval by the TSX Venture Exchange and the fulfillment of certain conditions precedent, including completion of the transfer of certain mineral exploration licenses in Mongolia, applications for which have been submitted to the relevant Mongolian governmental authorities and are pending.

Ivanhoe's shares are listed on the New York and Toronto stock exchanges and NASDAQ under the symbol IVN.

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