

### Imperial Reports on 2013 Production, 2014 Forecast and Credit Facility Increase

Vancouver – **January 24, 2014 - Imperial Metals Corporation (III-TSX)** reports its annual base and precious metals production<sup>(1)</sup> from Mount Polley, Huckleberry and Sterling mines was 59.1 million pounds copper, 54,456 ounces gold and 243,013 ounces silver. Copper and gold production were within 1% of planned, and silver production was 24% above the forecast.

Forecast production<sup>(1)(2)</sup> for 2014 from Mount Polley, Huckleberry and Sterling operations is 65.0 million pounds copper, 56,700 ounces gold and 220,000 ounces silver.

ANNUAL PRODUCTION <sup>(1)</sup>	Planned 2014 <sup>(2)</sup>	2013	2012
Copper - lbs	65,000,000	59,107,574	51,345,600
Gold - oz	56,700	54,456	57,138
Silver - oz	220,000	243,013	211,995

QUARTER PRODUCTION <sup>(1)</sup>	4Q 2013	4Q 2012
Copper - lbs	14,426,595	13,906,525
Gold - oz	11,857	14,449
Silver - oz	58,075	56,797

<sup>(1)</sup> 100% production from Mount Polley & Sterling mines + 50% production from Huckleberry mine

<sup>(2)</sup> Cautionary Note

Forecast production<sup>(2)</sup> from the Red Chris mine, scheduled to begin production in the final quarter of 2014, is 20.0 million pounds copper and 10,000 ounces gold.

#### MOUNT POLLEY MINE

Higher copper grade and improved recovery in 2013 resulted in 38.5 million pounds copper production, up 14% from 33.79 million pounds in 2012. Gold production was down due to lower gold grade being treated in 2013 compared to 2012. Both copper and gold recoveries were higher in 2013 as a result of the ore treated being less oxidized.

Forecast production<sup>(2)</sup> for 2014 from Mount Polley is 44.0 million pounds copper, 47,000 ounces gold and 120,000 ounces silver.

ANNUAL PRODUCTION	2013	2012
Ore milled - tonnes	7,956,738	8,121,878
Ore milled per calendar day - tonnes	21,799	22,191
Grade % - copper	0.295	0.280
Grade g/t – gold	0.263	0.304
Recovery % – copper	74.46	67.40
Recovery % – gold	68.09	65.70
Copper - lbs	38,501,165	33,789,600
Gold - oz	45,823	52,236
Silver - oz	123,999	116,101

## HUCKLEBERRY MINE

Increase in copper grade and recovery in 2013 resulted in 41.2 million pounds copper production, up 17% from 35.1 million pounds in 2012.

Imperial's share<sup>(3)</sup> of Huckleberry's 2014 forecast production<sup>(2)</sup> is 21.0 million pounds copper and 100,000 ounces silver.

ANNUAL PRODUCTION*	2013	2012
Ore milled – tonnes	5,895,193	5,876,900
Ore milled per calendar day - tonnes	16,151	16,057
Grade % – Copper	0.346	0.301
Recovery % – Copper	91.6	90.0
Copper – lbs	41,212,818	35,112,000
Gold – oz	2,983	2,578
Silver – oz	238,028	191,787

\*production stated 100% - Imperial's allocation is 50%<sup>(3)</sup>

## STERLING MINE

Sterling shipped 7,431 ounces gold in 2013. Forecast production<sup>(2)</sup> for 2014 from Sterling is 8,000 ounces gold.

ANNUAL PRODUCTION	2013	2012
Ore Stacked – tons	160,789	77,944
Gold Grade – oz/ton	0.083	0.082
Gold ounces – added to heap	13,348	6,393
Gold ounces - in-process & poured	7,142	3,613
Gold shipped - ounces	7,431	2,852

## CREDIT FACILITY

Imperial's unsecured line of credit facility ("LOC") with Edco Capital Corporation, a company controlled by Mr. Edwards, a significant shareholder of the Company, has been increased from a maximum of \$200 million to \$225 million.

A commitment fee of \$125,000 is payable in respect of the increase in the LOC. All other terms and conditions of the LOC remain unchanged. The LOC drawdown date has been extended from January 31, 2014 until March 31, 2014. It bears interest at 7% per annum and is repayable by January 1, 2015. Payments pursuant to the LOC constitute a related party transaction within the meaning of *Multilateral Instrument 61-101*. Management considers the LOC to be advantageous as it provides additional timing and flexibility for arranging senior financing for the Red Chris project. Management also considers the LOC terms and conditions are reasonable, in the context of the market. The LOC was reviewed and approved by the independent members of the Company's Board of Directors. The LOC is exempt from the formal valuation and minority interest approval requirements of *Multilateral Instrument 61-101* as it represents less than 25% of the Company's market capitalization. The material change report in relation to this transaction will be filed less than 21 days before closing as the Company completed this transaction on January 22, 2014 as all necessary approvals had been received and the Company wished to complete the transaction as soon as commercially feasible after such approvals were obtained.

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## About Imperial

Imperial is an exploration, mine development and operating company based in Vancouver, British Columbia. The Company operates the Mount Polley copper/gold mine in British Columbia and the Sterling gold mine in Nevada. Imperial has 50% interest in the Huckleberry copper mine, and 50% interest in the Ruddock Creek lead/zinc property, both in British Columbia. The Company is in development of its wholly owned Red Chris copper/gold property in British Columbia.

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If our assumptions prove to be incorrect or risks materialize, our actual results and events may vary materially from what we currently expect as provided in this press release. We recommend you review the Company's current Management's Discussion & Analysis, which includes discussion of material risks that could cause actual results to differ materially from our current expectations. Forward-looking information is designed to help you understand management's current views of our near and longer term prospects, and it may not be appropriate for other purposes. We will not necessarily update this information unless we are required to by securities laws.