

Imperial Closes \$6 Million Private Placement Share Financing

Vancouver – **August 11, 2015** | **Imperial Metals Corporation (the “Company”) (III-TSX)** reports that it has closed the previously announced non-brokered private placement of common shares of the Company (the “Common Share Private Placement”) raising gross proceeds of \$6 million.

Under the Common Share Private Placement the Company has issued 714,286 common shares of the Company at a price of \$8.40 per common share. The shares issued pursuant to the Common Share Private Placement represent approximately 0.95% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company. N. Murray Edwards (“Edwards”), a significant shareholder of the Company, and The Fairholme Partnership, LP have purchased \$3.5 million (416,673 common shares) and \$2.5 million (297,613 common shares) of the Common Share Private Placement, respectively.

The Common Share Private Placement is one of the three financings aggregating \$80 million previously announced by the Company. The other two financings, being the Rights Offering for gross proceeds of \$44 million and the Convertible Debenture Private Placement for gross proceeds of \$30 million, are targeted to close on or about August 24, 2015. The Rights under the Rights Offering are posted for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol “III.RT” and will expire at 2:00 p.m. (Vancouver time) on August 20, 2015.

Upon completion of the Common Share Private Placement, Edwards has ownership or control over a total of 27,628,434 common shares (not including convertible securities held by Edwards nor any securities to be issued under the Rights Offering and Convertible Debenture Private Placement), representing approximately 36.24% of the Company's then outstanding common shares on a non-diluted basis. Edwards has indicated that his acquisition of shares under the Common Share Private Placement is for investment purposes. A copy of Edwards' early warning report may be obtained from the persons set forth below.

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About Imperial

Imperial is an exploration, mine development and operating company based in Vancouver, British Columbia. The Company, through its subsidiaries, owns the Mount Polley copper/gold mine in British Columbia, the Sterling gold mine in Nevada and the Red Chris copper/gold mine in northern British Columbia. The Red Chris mine is in its commissioning phase. Imperial also has a 50% interest in the Huckleberry copper mine and a 50% interest in the Ruddock Creek lead/zinc property, both in British Columbia.

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