

### Imperial Files Mount Polley Mine Technical Report

Vancouver – **May 26, 2016** | **Imperial Metals Corporation (the “Company”) (III-TSX)** has today filed on SEDAR a National Instrument 43-101 compliant 2016 Technical Report on the Mount Polley Mine (the “2016 Report”).

The 2016 Report updates all exploration activities and mining plans for the Mount Polley mine to January 1, 2016. The report was prepared by Ryan Brown, P.Eng., Senior Mine Engineer, Gary Roste, P.Geo., Senior Mine Geologist, Janice Baron, P.Eng., Senior Metallurgist, and Chris Rees, Ph.D., P.Geo., Senior Geologist. The 2016 Report also updates the Reserve and Resource estimate for Mount Polley, with an effective date of January 1, 2016.

The 2016 Report will be available on *sedar.com* and *imperialmetals.com*.

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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 Red Chris and Mount Polley copper|gold mines in British Columbia, and the Sterling gold mine in Nevada. Imperial also holds a 50% interest in Huckleberry Mines Ltd. and in the Ruddock Creek lead|zinc property, both in British Columbia.

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