

**Imperial Reports Mount Polley Unionized Employees on Strike**

Vancouver | **May 23, 2018** | **Imperial Metals Corporation** (the “Company”) (TSX:III) reports that unionized employees at the Mount Polley Mine have gone on strike following a three hour lock out by the Company earlier today. The lock out was intended to overcome an impasse on renewal of the collective agreement which terminated on December 31, 2017.

Unionized employees were invited to return to work after the lock out under the terms of a new comprehensive and competitive wage and benefits [package](#) with USW Local 1-2017 dated May 9, 2018. Efforts to renew the collective agreement through mediation have so far been unproductive.

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**About Imperial**

Imperial is a Vancouver exploration, mine development and operating company. The Company, through its subsidiaries, owns the Red Chris, Mount Polley and Huckleberry copper mines in British Columbia. Imperial also holds a 50% interest in the Ruddock Creek lead/zinc property.

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