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## IMPERIAL METALS CORP.

[IPM-T] 79,950,578 SHS.

THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2000	1999
REVENUES \$24,978,000	\$23,996,000
NET LOSS 238,000	964,000
LOSS PER SHARE 0¢	1¢
CASH FLOW 3,283,000	1,089,000

FIRST QUARTER REPORT - Pierre Lebel, president, Imperial Metals Corp., reports financial and production results for the first quarter ended 31Mar2000. Weak gold and copper prices were partially offset by improved operating efficiencies which included higher throughput and recovery rates. Long term debt was reduced by \$3,170,000 during the first quarter and capital expenditures were \$2,917,000 compared to debt repayments of \$3,529,000 and capital expenditures of \$1,919,000 in the first quarter of 1999.

Imperial is operator and 50% owner of the Huckleberry open pit copper, molybdenum mine 123 km southwest of Houston, BC.

Production statistics, representing 100% of mine production, 50% of which is allocable to Imperial, are:

ORE MILLED (TONNES)	1,757,096
ORE MILLED PER CALENDAR DAY (TONNES)	19,309
ORE MILLED PER OPERATING DAY (TONNES)	20,933
GRADE (%) - COPPER	0.525
GRADE (%) - MOLYBDENUM	0.014
RECOVERY (%) - COPPER	93.2
RECOVERY (%) - MOLYBDENUM	71.9
COPPER PRODUCED (LBS)	18,985,896
MOLYBDENUM PRODUCED (LBS)	379,698

Imperial is operator and 52.5% owner of the Mount Polley open pit copper, gold mine 56 km northeast of Williams Lake, central BC.

Production statistics, representing 100% of mine production, 52.5% of which is allocable to Imperial, are:

ORE MILLED (TONNES)	1,813,124
ORE MILLED PER CALENDAR DAY (TONNES)	19,924
ORE MILLED PER OPERATING DAY (TONNES)	21,457
GRADE (%) - COPPER	0.305
GRADE (G/T) - GOLD	0.439
RECOVERY (%) - COPPER	76.14
RECOVERY (%) - GOLD	78.16
COPPER PRODUCED (LBS)	9,295,372
GOLD PRODUCED (OUNCES)	20,000

At the Silvertip project in northern BC, 80 km west of Watson Lake, Yukon, the results of the underground drilling program in 1999 significantly enhanced the potential of the project, with the recognition and confirmation of multi-phase, high grade, "feeder style" massive sulphides. An exploration program is currently in the planning stages for the summer season of 2000. **PERUVIAN GOLD LTD.** [PVO-CDNX] can earn an 60% interest with Imperial able to back-in for 60%.

Effective 31Dec99 Imperial increased its interest in the Sterling Mine to 100% as part of a debt settlement with related company **CATHEDRAL GOLD CORP.** [CAT-T]. Sterling, located near Beatty, Nevada, has operated for 20 years as a high grade, low production rate open pit and underground heap leach mine. Although known ore reserves have run out, the ore heaps remain in production with sufficient gold to cover ongoing costs. Sterling is highly regarded for its exploration potential and Imperial's exploration efforts will focus on both high grade underground targets and low grade, large tonnage near surface targets. As part of this program Imperial recently added more ground to the Sterling mine land package. (SEE GCNL NO.91, 11May2000, P.1 FOR SPANISH MTN. PROJECT DATA)

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