



## NEWS RELEASE

### **IVERNIA'S WHOLLY-OWNED MAGELLAN METALS WELCOMES MINISTER'S DECISION ON CONTAINERISED SHIPMENTS**

**TORONTO, ONTARIO – January 17, 2008** – Ivernia Inc.'s (TSX:IVW) wholly-owned subsidiary, Magellan Metals, today issued the following media release:

**Perth – January 17, 2008** - Magellan Metals ("Magellan") welcomes the acceptance by the Environment Minister, Hon. David Templeman, of the Environmental Protection Authority's recommendations regarding the sealed shipment process for the export of lead concentrate. In accepting the recommendations, the Minister also imposed additional conditions that will further assure Western Australia's communities, governments and regulators that the export process will be safe and effective.

Magellan has accepted the additional conditions and is committed to their implementation prior to commencing sealed shipment of its product from its Wiluna mine site. Accordingly, Magellan is unable to give a date at this time for the commencement of sealed shipments from its mine site, nor for the recommencement of mining operations.

The Minister's conditions include:

- the lodgement of a A\$5 million bond
- the appointment of an independent auditor approved by the Minister and funded by Magellan to inspect each bag and container at the mine and the Port
- the completion of a comprehensive Health, Hygiene and Environmental Management plan to be prepared to the requirement of the Minister, on advice from the Department of Health, the Department of Consumer and Employment Protection, the Department of Industry & Resources and the Department of Environment & Conservation
- Baseline testing to be conducted along the route prior to the first movement of lead and then regularly after that

Magellan will fully meet all Ministerial conditions, and in addition commits to:

- implementing a comprehensive information and support programme with local authorities and community groups along the transportation route to ensure a thorough understanding of lead concentrate, its transportation process and the emergency response plan for the immediate containment and rapid and complete clean up in the unlikely event of an accident creating a spill
- transparent communication of monitoring results and compliance reporting in an easily accessible manner
- continuing its community information programme

The containerised method of transport for lead concentrate is a completely different method from the current industry standard of bulk transport. It is an inherently safe process that includes independent validation on the integrity of the shipment process and no re-handling of material once the material leaves the mine site.

Magellan's shipment method will involve sealing lead concentrate inside bulk bags which will then be bolt-locked inside steel shipping containers and transported from Wiluna to Fremantle and

overseas. Independent inspection and verification of the bag filling, container loading and container and vehicle cleaning procedures at the mine site will ensure the integrity of the shipment process. The company believes this method creates a new world standard of industry best practice for the safe handling and transport of lead concentrate.

Magellan is continuing to work closely with the Esperance Port Authority and the WA Departments of Environment and Conservation, Health, and Consumer and Employment Protection to finalise the proposal for safe removal of the remaining concentrate stockpile at the Port of Esperance. This concentrate will be exported in sealed bags through the Port of Esperance using a process to be approved by the relevant regulatory authorities.

For more information about the shipment process visit [www.magellanmine.com](http://www.magellanmine.com)

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