



**Ivernia West Securityholders to Exercise All Outstanding
Share Purchase Warrants;**

Proceeds of US\$2.54 Million to Partly Finance Magellan Lead Project

Highlights:

- Four major Ivernia securityholders have given notice of early exercise of 30 million, August 2005 share purchase warrants
- Other warrant holders exercised an additional 9.1 million share warrants prior to expiration on December 31, 2003
- Total warrant proceeds of US\$2.54 million to partly finance Magellan lead project, scheduled to be in production Q1, 2005

Toronto, January 5, 2004: Ivernia West Inc (TSX: IVW) announced today that Ivernia warrant holders have exercised or given notice of exercising all 39.1 million outstanding share purchase warrants for proceeds of US\$2.54 million. The proceeds will be used as part of the financing of the 60%-owned (which can reduce to 51%) Magellan lead project in Western Australia. Development of this simple open-pit, flotation-recovery operation is expected to start in April 2004, with commencement of production scheduled for the first quarter of 2005, at an average rate of 70,000 tonnes of lead per year.

Four major securityholders who hold the US\$1.95 million, August 2006 convertible notes, which were issued together with 30 million share purchase warrants, have given notice of exercise of these warrants. The warrant exercise price is US\$0.065 (approximately C\$0.085) per share, for proceeds of US\$1.95 million of which US\$1.45 million has been received or remitted and the balance is due later in January. The warrants were due to expire in August 2005 and are being exercised early by these securityholders to assist in the financing of Magellan's development.

In addition, holders of a further 9.1 million warrants that would have expired on December 31, 2003, exercised these warrants during December at US\$0.065 (approximately C\$0.085) per share yielding proceeds of US\$0.59 million.

Each warrant has been or will be exercised for one common share in Ivernia. Following the issue of all 39.1 million Ivernia common shares on the completion of the exercise of all these warrants, Ivernia will have 189.0 million common shares in issue and no warrants outstanding.

Commenting on the news, Alan De'ath, President and CEO, said, "The exercise of all outstanding share warrants cleans up Ivernia's capital structure and removes the overhang of these warrants on our share price. The proceeds also provide part of the financing for the Magellan project. I am delighted in the faith the four major securityholders have shown in Magellan by exercising their

warrants some 20 months ahead of their expiration date. The clean-up of Ivernia's capital structure provides a key platform to forge ahead with the financing of the financially robust Magellan project, construction of which is scheduled to commence in April, 2004."

Alan De'ath continued, "The financial robustness of the project has been enhanced by the recent significant increases in the London Metal Exchange's lead prices after taking into account the strengthening of the Australian dollar against the US dollar." The LME lead settlement price stood at US\$751 per tonne (US\$0.34/lb) on January 2nd compared to US\$500 per tonne (US\$0.23/lb) last September 1st, a 50% increase. This is partially offset by the strengthening in the Australian dollar against the US dollar of 18% for the same period (most of the capital and operating expenditures at Magellan will be made in Australian dollars).

Negotiations are at the detailed and due diligence stage with two major international banks to provide approximately US\$16 million of project financing. This funding is to complete development for production start-up in 2005 and provide working capital for the project.

Ivernia West is an international base metals mining and exploration company whose principal asset is a 60% interest (which can reduce to 51%) in the low-cost Magellan lead project in Western Australia. The project is expected to be in production in the first quarter of 2005, producing an average of 70,000 tonnes of lead a year. Ivernia's common shares are traded on the TSX under the symbol IVW.

Forward Looking Information

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