



## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Ivernia Announces Magellan Measured and Indicated Resources Update Following 2005 Infill Drilling Program; 2006 Exploration Program**

**Toronto, Ontario, March 6, 2006:** Ivernia Inc. (TSX:IVW) today announced increased Measured and Indicated Resources following the first-half 2005 infill drilling program and first 12 months of mining activity at the wholly-owned Magellan lead mine in Western Australia.

#### **Highlights**

- Measured and Indicated Resources as at December 31, 2005 increased to 21.4 million tonnes at a grade of 5.8% lead containing 1.24 million tonnes of lead after the first 12 months of mining activity at the Magellan mine.
- Inferred Resources as at December 31, 2005 were a further 7.2 million tonnes at a grade of 4.6% lead containing 0.33 million tonnes of lead.
- Resource update incorporates the results of an infill drilling program completed in first-half 2005 which targeted areas of Inferred Resources at the Pinzon deposit and at the margins of the Magellan deposit.
- A\$1.2 million exploration budget for 2006 targeting areas of high potential for addition of resources and reserves as well as progressing work on newer exploration ground.
- The increase in Measured and Indicated Resources after 12 months of mining activity, good exploration potential and substantial exploration commitment underpin Ivernia's growth plans and potential to extend the Magellan mine's current long life.

#### **Lead Mineral Resource Estimates**

The Measured and Indicated Resource tonnage as at December 31, 2005 was 21.4 million tonnes at a grade of 5.8% lead containing 1.24 million tonnes of lead (December 31, 2004 was 18.6 million tonnes at a grade of 5.9% lead containing 1.1 million tonnes of lead). The December 31, 2005 resource tonnage is stated after the 2005 mining of approximately 1.23 million tonnes of ore at a grade of 5.9% lead containing 0.07 million tonnes of lead.

The December 2005 Measured and Indicated Resource tonnage has increased primarily due to the results of the infill drilling program completed during first-half 2005

which targeted areas of inferred resources at the Pinzon deposit and at the margins of the Magellan deposit and revising the cut-off grade to 2.5% lead. Subsequent to this infill drilling program remaining Inferred Resources as at December 31, 2005 were 7.2 million tonnes at a grade of 4.6% lead containing 0.33 million tonnes of lead (December 31, 2004 was 13 million tonnes at a grade of 4.3% lead containing 0.56 million tonnes of lead). The 2005 resource model for the Magellan mine (comprising the Magellan, Cano and Pinzon deposits) was updated incorporating new drilling data from first-half 2005, the conclusions from grade control and density studies and revised modelling parameters.

Detailed results are tabulated below:

<b>Lead Mineral Resource Estimate – December 31, 2005</b>												
<b>Cut-off</b>	<b>Measured</b>			<b>Indicated</b>			<b>Measured &amp; Indicated</b>			<b>Inferred</b>		
<b>@ 2.50%</b>	<b>Tonnes (million)</b>	<b>Pb %</b>	<b>Pb ('000 t)</b>	<b>Tonnes (million)</b>	<b>Pb %</b>	<b>Pb ('000 t)</b>	<b>Tonnes (million)</b>	<b>Pb %</b>	<b>Pb ('000 t)</b>	<b>Tonnes (million)</b>	<b>Pb %</b>	<b>Pb ('000 t)</b>
<b>Magellan</b>	8.3	6.5	540	5.6	5.1	290	<b>13.9</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>830</b>	3.3	5.0	160
<b>Cano</b>	1.7	6.0	100	1.0	5.1	50	<b>2.7</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>150</b>	0.1	4.4	10
<b>Pinzon</b>	-	-	-	4.8	5.3	250	<b>4.8</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>250</b>	1.5	4.2	60
<b>Drake</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3	4.4	100
<b>Total</b>	10.0	6.4	640	11.4	5.2	600	<b>21.4</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>1,240</b>	7.2	4.6	330

The December 2005 Resources have been reported based on a cut-off grade of 2.5% Pb, an exchange rate of US\$0.75/A\$1.00, a lead price of US\$750 per tonne equivalent to A\$1,000 per tonne, and estimated operating costs. Resources are based on reports prepared by Jeffrey Elliott of CSA Australia Pty Ltd ("CSA") and Malcolm Tittle of Finore Pty Ltd ("FinOre") who are a division of CSA. Table entries (other than contained lead) are rounded to 2 significant figures.

Resources are reported in accordance with the 2004 update of the JORC code. Jeffrey Elliott and Malcolm Tittle are qualified persons for purposes of National Instrument 43-101 and have verified the above resource figures and the underlying sampling and analytical data.

The Measured and Indicated Resource at Magellan deposit of 13.9 million tonnes at 6.0% lead containing 0.83 million tonnes of lead is largely unchanged, although approximately 1.5 million more tonnes is now classified as Measured Resource.

The Measured and Indicated Resource at Cano deposit of 2.7 million tonnes at 5.6% lead containing 0.15 million tonnes of lead has decreased due to mining activity (approximately 0.89 million tonnes @ 5.1% lead for 0.05 million tonnes of lead) and also due to the application of new density algorithms and different modelling parameters.

The Pinzon Resource of 4.8 million tonnes at 5.3% lead for 0.25 millions tonnes of lead is quoted for the first time as an Indicated Resource following infill drilling of the deposit in first-half 2005.

The Drake deposit comprises an Inferred Resource of 2.3 million tonnes at 4.4% lead for 0.1 million tonnes of lead. The Inferred Resources at Drake was defined by reverse circulation (“RC”) drilling in first-half 2005 and was reported with third quarter 2005 results on November 10, 2005. The Drake deposit is a satellite deposit to the Magellan lead mine and is located approximately 11km southwest of the Magellan deposit.

The updated resource estimates for the Magellan, Cano and Pinzon deposits represent a significant increase in confidence in resources for the Magellan lead mine. The 2005 model was tracked against additional grade control data in second-half 2005 as a check on estimation performance. The updated model was also subjected to an internal and external review process. Reconciliation of the 2005 resource model to grade control predictions was excellent (within 1% metal content for the whole year).

### **Further Drilling at Pinzon and Magellan During December 2005**

Additional RC drilling was completed on areas of inferred resources at Pinzon and on the southern part of the Magellan deposit in late 2005. All assay results from the drilling program completed in December have now been received. An initial appraisal of the results suggests that the drilling has intersected additional mineralisation on the northern and western margins of the indicated resources at Pinzon. At Magellan South the results from completed holes generally agreed with previous drilling, however several holes were abandoned before target depth or could not be drilled due to existing infrastructure.

The further drilling program has reduced drill spacing on the margins of the deposits and therefore is likely to increase resource confidence in the next update. Further drilling of remaining inferred resources will resume after the completion of the reserve update and a new Life of Mine plan.

### **Exploration Potential**

Significant exploration potential exists within Ivernia’s tenements at the Magellan lead mine both in areas adjacent to the Magellan mine and in the surrounding regions. In 2006, Ivernia has committed a budget of A\$1.2 million towards exploration at its Magellan tenements.

The potential for the identification of additional resources and reserves adjacent to the current deposits is still very good, where a substantive inferred resource of 7.2 million tonnes at 4.6% lead containing 0.33 million tonnes of lead remains following drilling campaigns completed during the first half of 2005. There also remains good potential for discovery of additional resources in the greater area of the Magellan Mine (known as the Magellan Hill) either as extensions to the existing deposits or as new finds. Exploration drilling programs will target prospective areas of the Magellan Hill in 2006.

Exploration completed in the surrounding regions to the Magellan Mine has also indicated significant exploration potential. RC drilling at the Drake prospect in 2005 identified a new inferred resource and further work is planned to improve the resource

estimate in 2006. Drilling was also completed at the Pizarro and Cortez prospects in 2005 and areas of potential were identified for further drilling. Additional drilling is planned at the Drake, Pizarro and Cortez prospects to the south and west of the Magellan lead mine, all of which are within a 15 kilometre trucking distance of the Magellan plant site.

In the Yandil tenement to the northwest of the Magellan lead mine a heritage survey is planned for first-quarter 2006 to clear access for drilling later in the year.

The planned programs in 2006 will continue to target areas of high potential for addition of resources and reserves, whilst continuing to test mature tenements and progress work on newer ground. The approach will allow ground holdings to be rationalised and new exploration or acquisition opportunities to be pursued.

### **Ore Reserves and Life of Mine Plan**

Following the December 31, 2005 resource update and the first 12 months of mining activity the new General Manager – Operations, Alan Thompson, and his team are working with Cube Consultancy in Perth, Western Australia on an updated Ore Reserve estimate and Life of Mine Plan. It is anticipated that the work will be completed during second quarter 2006.

On March 6, 2005 the lead cash settlement price on the London Metal Exchange was US\$1218 per tonne and the exchange rate US\$0.74/A\$1.00 for an equivalent lead price of A\$1646 per tonne.

### **About Ivernia**

Ivernia is an international base-metals, mining and exploration company whose principal asset is a 100% interest in the low-cost, long-life Magellan lead mine in Western Australia. The mine achieved commercial production on October 1, 2005 and is expected to reach full production levels by mid-2006. When in full production it should be one of the top five lead-producing mines in the world, yielding approximately 100,000 tonnes of lead per year, close to 3% of total world mine production. The inferred resources and considerable regional exploration opportunities offer significant potential to extend the mine's current long reserve life.

Ivernia trades under the symbol "IVW" on the Toronto Stock Exchange. For further information on the Company, please visit [www.ivernia.com](http://www.ivernia.com) and for detailed financial information and regulatory filings visit [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

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