



## NEWS RELEASE

### Ivernia Inc. Adopts Shareholder Rights Plan

**TORONTO, ONTARIO – May 2, 2006** – Ivernia Inc. (“Ivernia” or the “Company”) (TSX:IVW) announced today that its Board of Directors has adopted a Shareholder Rights Plan (“Rights Plan”) designed to encourage the fair treatment of shareholders in connection with any take-over offer for Ivernia. The Rights Plan addresses the Company's concerns that existing Canadian legislation does not always require a take-over bid or other change of control transaction to be made to all shareholders nor does it allow sufficient time, if a take-over bid is made, for either the Board of Directors or the shareholders to properly consider the bid, or for the Board of Directors to seek alternatives to such a bid.

The Rights Plan will provide the Board of Directors of the Company and the shareholders more time to fully consider any unsolicited take-over bid for the Company. It will also allow more time for the Board of Directors to pursue, if appropriate, other alternatives to maximize shareholder value. The Rights Plan is effective immediately subject to receipt of regulatory approval. Shareholders will be asked to confirm the Rights Plan at the Annual Meeting of the shareholders to be held on June 14, 2006.

The rights issued under the Rights Plan become exercisable when a person, together with any party related to it, acquires or announces its intention to acquire 20% or more of the Company's outstanding common shares without complying with the "Permitted Bid" provisions of the Rights Plan or without approval of the Board of Directors of the Company. Should such an acquisition occur, rights holders, other than the acquiring person and related persons, can purchase common shares of the Company at half the prevailing market price at the time the rights become exercisable. Each right, upon exercise, would entitle the purchase of 10 shares of the Company for the same price as it would take to acquire five shares at market price, as defined in the Rights Plan.

Under the Rights Plan, a Permitted Bid is a bid made to all holders of the Company's common shares that is open for acceptance for not less than 60 days. If at the end of 60 days at least 50% of the outstanding shares, other than those owned by the offeror and certain related parties, have been tendered, the offeror may take up and pay for the shares but must extend the bid for a further 10 days to allow other shareholders to tender.

Ivernia's major shareholder, The Sentient Group which holds approximately 18% of the Company's outstanding shares, is fully supportive of the adoption of the Rights Plan.

Commenting on the adoption of the Rights Plan, Senator Trevor Eyton, Chairman of Ivernia's Board of Directors, said, “The Board considered that it was prudent to adopt a shareholder Rights Plan at this time in order to protect the rights of all shareholders. The Rights Plan is similar to plans that have been adopted by many other Canadian public companies.”

Ivernia is not aware of any specific take-over bid for the Company that has been made or is contemplated.

## **About Ivernia**

Ivernia is an international base metals, exploration, development and operating company. The Company is the sole owner and operator of 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, Magellan is expected to be one of the top five lead-producing mines in the world, yielding approximately 100,000 tonnes of lead metal in concentrate 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. Additional information on Ivernia is available on the Company's web site at [www.ivernia.com](http://www.ivernia.com) and at SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

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