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## LABRADOR IRON MINES CCAA PLAN OF ARRANGEMENT

### SANCTIONED BY COURT

**Toronto, Ontario**, December 14, 2016. **Labrador Iron Mines Holdings Limited (“LIMH”)** reports that its Plan of Compromise and Arrangement (the “**Plan**”) under the Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act (“**CCAA**”), having been approved by creditors at meetings held on December 6, 2016, was today sanctioned by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice – Commercial List (the “**Court**”) in Toronto.

The Sanction Order of the Court marks the final legal milestone in the Company’s financial restructuring process, with implementation of the Plan scheduled for Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The Plan was approved unanimously by creditors of LIMH who voted in person or by proxy and by approximately 95% in value of creditors of LIMH’s wholly owned subsidiaries Labrador Iron Mines Limited (“**LIM**”) and Schefferville Mines Inc (“**SMI**”), with only one creditor with a contested claim voting against approval.

The principal results of implementation of the Plan are to convert the debts of LIMH into equity in LIMH and convert the debts of LIM and SMI into equity in LIM.

In addition, creditors of LIM and SMI will receive shares in Houston Iron Royalties Limited (“**RoyaltyCo**”), a newly-formed corporation that will have the right to receive a royalty equal to 2% of the sales proceeds (FOB Port of Sept-Îles) received by LIM from sales of iron ore from LIM’s Houston and SMI’s Malcolm properties.

As a result, creditors of LIMH will hold, as a group, approximately 22% of the shares of LIMH and creditors of LIM and SMI will hold, as a group, a 49% equity interest in LIM and a 100% interest in RoyaltyCo.

Under the Plan, creditors with claims of \$5,000 or less, or creditors with larger claims who elected to reduce their claims to \$5,000, will be paid in full, in cash, and will not receive any equity interest.

The Plan implements a restructuring of LIM’s business to preserve its mining assets, continue its mine site activities in a care and maintenance standby mode and position LIM to refinance an orderly resumption of its iron ore mining activities when economic conditions warrant, while providing creditors with an equity participation in LIM’s assets and business.

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KSV Kofman Inc. has overseen the Company's CCAA proceedings as the court-approved Monitor. The Plan, the Sanction Order and related Court documents may be viewed on the Monitor's website at:

<http://www.ksvadvisory.com/insolvency-cases/labrador-iron-mines-holdings-limited/>.

## About Labrador Iron Mines Holdings Limited

Labrador Iron Mines (LIM) is engaged in the mining, exploration and development of its direct shipping (DSO) deposits located in the Schefferville/Menihek region of the prolific Labrador Trough. LIM commenced mining operations in 2011 and in the three year period of 2011, 2012 and 2013 produced a total of 3.6 million dry metric tonnes of iron ore, all of which was sold in 23 cape-size shipments into the Chinese spot market.

LIM's current focus is completing its financial restructuring and seeking additional financing.

LIM is also working on development of its Houston Mine, to be in a position to complete construction and begin mining operations from Houston when market conditions permit, subject to completion of financing and negotiation of major contracts.

For further information, please visit LIM's website at [www.labradorironmines.ca](http://www.labradorironmines.ca) or contact:

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