

## **LABRADOR IRON MINES CCAA EXTENDED TO JANUARY 27, 2017, PROVIDES RESTRUCTURING PLAN UPDATE**

**Toronto, Ontario**, September 30, 2016. **Labrador Iron Mines Holdings Limited** (the "Company") reports that the Ontario Superior Court of Justice has granted an extension to January 27, 2017 of the Company's Court-supervised restructuring process under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act ("CCAA") in order to complete a restructuring of the Company's business.

### ***CCAA Extension***

On April 2, 2015, the Company instituted proceedings in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (the "Court") for a financial restructuring by means of a plan of compromise or arrangement under CCAA and was granted an order (the "Court Order"), as amended and extended on April 30, 2015, July 28, 2015, December 16, 2015, June 30, 2016 and September 30, 2016, providing creditor protection until January 27, 2017, subject to further amendment and extension.

The Company initiated proceedings under CCAA to provide an opportunity for the orderly restructuring of its business and financial affairs. The Company believes that the latest extension will provide the Company sufficient time to resolve all remaining claims, finalize its restructuring plan, obtain creditor and Court approval and exit CCAA proceedings.

Upon exiting CCAA, the Company expects to emerge with ownership and value of the Company's business and core assets preserved, positioned to recommence commercial production pending an improvement in the iron ore price environment.

### ***Progress in Contract Suspensions and Claims Settlement***

The Company has now resolved and finalized the claim amounts of almost all creditor claims and is actively engaged in negotiations with respect to the few remaining unresolved claims.

The Company has also now completed the suspension of most of its major commercial contracts and agreements. In general, these other contracts and agreements have not been terminated, but rather the ongoing financial commitments have been suspended until the Company's mining operations resume.

### ***Update on Plan of Arrangement***

The Company is in the final stages of developing a plan of arrangement ("Plan") to be presented to creditors to settle the Company's liabilities subject to compromise under CCAA.

The Plan is intended to restructure the Company's business to preserve its mining assets, permit the Company to continue its site activities in a standby mode in the near term and to position the Company to refinance an orderly resumption of its iron ore mining activities when economic conditions warrant.

The Company expects to finalize the Plan in October and seek Plan approval at a creditors' meeting in November. As the Company has been developing the Plan in consultation with its major creditors, the Company expects to receive strong creditor support.

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KSV Kofman Inc. is overseeing the Company's CCAA proceedings as the court-approved Monitor.

The Court 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. The Company 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.

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*The terms "iron ore" and "ore" in this document are used in a descriptive sense and should not be considered as representing current economic viability. A Feasibility Study has not been conducted on any of the Company's Schefferville Projects.*

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