

VANCOUVER, BC--(Marketwired - May 11, 2017) - [Alderon Iron Ore Corp.](#) (TSX: IRON) ("Alderon" or the "Company") announced that it has filed its financial results for its first quarter ended March 31, 2017. All amounts, unless indicated, are reported in CAD dollars.

"We've had a very exciting and busy start to 2017," says Mark Morabito, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Alderon Iron Ore. "We effectively re-booted our Kami Project with the release of a re-scoped Preliminary Economic Assessment, strengthened our board, worked with Memorial University in St. John's to prepare an Economic Impact Assessment study showing the significant number of jobs and considerable contributions to government treasuries that Kami will make, and adopted a new trading symbol, IRON. These efforts pave the way for continued advancement of the Kami project and capitalize on improved iron ore fundamentals."

#### Q1 2017 Highlights

- Released the results of a Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") that was prepared as a result of the Company's efforts to re-scope the capital and operating costs of the Kami Project given market conditions over the past several years, changes in ownership and management of assets in the Labrador Trough, and the availability of the idled Wabush Scully Mine as a tailings management solution.
  - Estimated pre-tax Net Present Value (NPV) at 8% discount rate is \$1.377 billion based on an average production rate of 7.8 million tonnes per year of iron ore concentrate at a grade of 65.2% iron, over the life of the mine;
  - Total estimated capital cost (excluding sustaining capital) is \$897.5 million, reduced from \$1.3 billion in the 2012 Feasibility Study\*;
  - The FOB concentrate sales price used in the PEA is \$65.30 per tonne.
  - Internal rate of return (pre-tax) for the project is 23.8%; and
  - Projected payback period is 3.9 years
- Began trading under the symbol "IRON"

#### Subsequent to Quarter-End

- Released the results of an independent Economic Impact Assessment ("EIA"). Highlights from the EIA include:
  - \$7.6 billion in income to workers and businesses across Canada
  - \$4.4 billion Federal and Provincial government revenues
  - 100,000 direct and indirect jobs will be created
- Appointed Dr. Andrew Furey as an Independent Director.
  - Dr. Furey is an active member of Newfoundland and Labrador's business and medical communities and will be a valuable resource to the Company.

#### Outlook

"Our focus in the coming months will continue to center on advancing Kami's development and gaining access to the idled Scully pit for use as a tailings facility," added Mr. Morabito. "Targeted milestones in the near and longer term include the start of a feasibility study, re-assembling the owner's team, awarding an EPCM/EPC contract, resuming detailed engineering activities and securing construction financing."

Alderon's Management Discussion and Analysis and Financial Statements for the first quarter 2017 ended March 31, 2017 are available on the Company's website, <http://www.alderonironore.com>, and via the Company's SEDAR profile.

#### Alderon AGM

Alderon is also pleased to announce that it has received Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") approval to hold its annual general meeting ("AGM") on September 14, 2017, outside of the TSX requirement that a company hold an AGM within six months of its year end. The previously announced transaction regarding the Wabush Scully Mine (see Alderon news release dated April 5, 2017) may require shareholder approval depending on the final structure and the Company chose to delay the holding of its AGM rather than holding multiple shareholder meetings in short succession.

#### Technical Information

The results of the PEA are from, and the EIA was based on, the technical report entitled "Re-Scoped Preliminary Economic Assessment of the Kamistatusset (Kami) Iron Ore Property, Labrador", dated effective February 28 2017 (the "PEA Report"). The PEA Report was prepared under the supervision of Mr. Angelo Grandillo, P.Eng, of BBA, a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101, with contributions from Gemtec and WGM. Mr. Grandillo is a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101 and Mr. Grandillo is independent of Alderon. Mr. Grandillo has reviewed and approved the technical information regarding the PEA results. Mr. Grandillo has verified all the data underlying the technical information disclosed with respect to the PEA results.

#### About Alderon

Alderon is a leading iron ore development company in Canada. The Kami Project, owned 75% by Alderon and 25% by HBIS Group Co. Ltd. (formerly Hebei Iron & Steel Group Co. Ltd.) ("HBIS") through The Kami Mine Limited Partnership, is located within Canada's premier iron ore district and is surrounded by two producing iron ore mines. Its port handling facilities are located in Sept-Îles, the leading iron ore port in North America. HBIS is Alderon's strategic partner in the development of the Kami Project and China's second largest steel producer.

For more information on Alderon, please visit our website at [www.alderonironore.com](http://www.alderonironore.com)

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[Alderon Iron Ore Corp.](#)  
On behalf of the Board  
"Mark J Morabito"  
Chairman & CEO

*\*The 2012 Feasibility Study used an exchange rate of \$1.00CDN = US\$1.00 and was in constant Q4-2012 dollars. No escalation or inflation was applied to costs to bring them to Q1-2017 dollars. The exchange rate used in this current PEA is \$1.00CDN = US\$0.77.*

#### Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Information

*This press release contains "forward-looking information" within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act and Canadian securities laws concerning anticipated developments and events that may occur in the future. Forward-looking information contained in this press release include, but are not limited to, statements with respect to (i) the details of the re-scoping of the Kami Project including potential capital and operating cost savings, (ii) the market and future price of iron ore and related products; (iii) expected infrastructure requirements; (iv) the ability to access or acquire the Scully Assets, (v) the results of the EIA; and (vi) the results of the PEA Report including statements about future production, future operating and capital costs, the projected IRR, NPV, payback period, construction timelines and production timelines for the Kami Project, (vii) targeted milestones, and (viii) the development of the Kami Project.*

*In certain cases, forward-looking information can be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", or "believes", or variations of such words and phrases or state that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will be taken", "occur" or "be achieved" suggesting future outcomes, or other expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, assumptions, intentions or statements about future events or performance. Forward-looking information contained in this press release is based on certain factors and assumptions regarding, among other things, receipt of governmental and other approvals, the estimation of mineral resources, the realization of resource estimates, iron ore and other metal prices, the timing and amount of future development expenditures, the estimation of initial and sustaining capital requirements, the estimation of labour and operating costs, the availability of necessary financing and materials to continue to explore and develop the Kami Project in the short and long-term, the progress of exploration and development activities, the ability of the Company to gain access to the Wabush Scully Mine site, the ability of the Company to use the multi-user terminal facility at the Port of Sept-Îles, the receipt of necessary regulatory approvals, the estimation of insurance coverage, assumptions with respect to currency fluctuations and exchange rates, environmental risks, title disputes or claims, and other similar matters. While the Company considers these assumptions to be reasonable based on information currently available to it, they may prove to be incorrect.*

*Forward looking information involves known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking information. Such factors include risks inherent in the exploration and development of mineral deposits, including risks relating to changes in project parameters as plans continue to be redefined including the possibility that mining operations may not commence at the Kami Project, risks relating to variations in mineral resources, grade or recovery rates resulting from current exploration and development activities, risks relating to the ability to access rail transportation, sources of power and port facilities, risks relating to changes in iron ore prices and the worldwide demand for and supply of iron ore and related products, risks related to increased competition in the market for iron ore and related products and in the mining industry generally, risks related to current global financial conditions, uncertainties inherent in the estimation of mineral resources, access and supply risks, reliance on key personnel, operational risks inherent in the conduct of mining activities, including the risk of accidents, labour disputes, increases in capital and operating costs and the risk of delays or increased costs that might be encountered during the development process, regulatory risks, including risks relating to the acquisition of the necessary licences and permits, financing, capitalization and liquidity risks, including the risk that the financing necessary to fund the exploration and development activities at the Kami Project may not be available on satisfactory terms, or at all, risks related to disputes concerning property titles and interest, risks related to disputes with Aboriginal groups, risks related to a third party acquiring the Wabush Scully Mine site, risks related to insufficient capacity being available for the Company to access the multi-user terminal facility at the Port of Sept-Îles, environmental risks and the additional risks identified in the "Risk Factors" section of the Company's Annual Information Form for the most recently completed financial year, or other reports and filings with applicable Canadian securities regulators. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. The forward-looking information is made as of the date of this press release. Except as required by applicable securities laws, the Company does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking information.*

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