

# Idaho Champion Gold Mines Canada Inc. Completes Acquisition of 822 Key Cobalt Mining Claims in the Idaho Cobalt Belt

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TORONTO, Nov. 07, 2018 - [Idaho Champion Gold Mines Canada Inc.](#) (CSE: ITKO) ("Champion" or the "Company"), is pleased to report that the Company has completed the purchase of 822 federal US mining claims in four blocks (approximately 6,871 hectares) in Lemhi County, Idaho from American Cobalt Corp. in the Idaho Cobalt Belt, collectively known as the "Champion Projects."

(See Figure 1 below for an Idaho Cobalt Belt map with individual project locations).

The acquisition of the four Champion Projects represents a transformative acquisition for the Company. The acquisition places Idaho Champion with key land in the Idaho Cobalt Belt.

The Company believes that the Idaho Cobalt Belt represents the premier district for primary Cobalt discoveries in North America. The region hosts a rich endowment of mineral resources only beginning to be unlocked due to recent exploration activity driven by the price of Cobalt. Modern exploration techniques have proven fruitful in expanding historic resources and making new discoveries.

The four projects are summarized as follows:

## **Victory Project – (Dup Claims) 201 claims totaling 1,627 Hectares**

The DUP Claims, located 6 km south of the Blackbird Mine, sit adjacent to, on-trend and immediately south of International Cobalt's Blackbird Creek Project. Three copper-cobalt occurrences exist on the project; the French Gulch Mine, Victory, and Dupuis.

## **Fairway Project (SC Claims) 144 Claims totaling 1,165 Hectares**

The SC Claims are located one km north of eCobalt's Blackpine copper-cobalt Project. The SC Project is host to stratiform sulphide mineralization found in massive sections which typically contain pyrite and chalcopyrite. Aside from the copper rich strata, there are several narrower cobalt-gold rich arsenopyrite-bearing beds present in the copper mineralized section.

## **Twin Peaks Project – (TP and Badger Claims) 377 Claims totaling 2,600 Hectares**

The TP claims are host to the Twin Peaks Copper mine and are surrounded by the Badger claims located in Badger Basin. The historical Twin Peaks mine has been described as having broad shear zones of modest grade copper mineralization. The TP and Badger claims lie approximately 3 km east of US Cobalt's Iron Creek Project, recently acquired by First Cobalt Corporation (TSX-V: FCC) for a total implied equity value of approximately C\$149.9 million on a fully-diluted in-the-money basis at the time of entering the agreement. Please refer to First Cobalt Press Release on March 14, 2018.

## **Ulysses Project – (IP and GS Claims) 100 Claims totaling 809.4 Hectares**

The IP and GS Claims are 2 km north of the Ulysses Mine, a historical gold/silver producer located in the Yellowjacket Formation which is associated with Cobalt mineralization in the Region. Two Cobalt occurrences have already been identified south of the Ulysses Project, which attest to the prospective nature of this area. The Yellowjacket Formation in this area is located outside of the prolific "Idaho Cobalt Belt" but is interpreted to have similar geological potential to host cobalt-copper-gold mineralization.

Figure 1 accompanying this announcement is available at <http://www.globenewswire.com/NewsRoom/AttachmentNg/af9c7046-a5fb-4895-8307-4b26d27c719e>

## ACQUISITION TERMS

Idaho Champion has received notice from American Cobalt (seller) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that the claims have been registered to Idaho Champion Cobalt USA, a 100% owned subsidiary of Idaho Champion Gold Mines Canada Inc. As compensation for the Champion Projects, Idaho Champion will issue 3,000,000 shares today and will issue an additional 1,000,000 shares on January 20, 2019. Idaho Champion Cobalt USA now owns 822 claims, a total of approximately 6,871 Hectares.

## ABOUT THE COBALT MARKET

With recent news out of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the suspension of sale of cobalt due to high levels of uranium, it is believed that there will be a tightening of cobalt sulphate in the market. As a vital component of many of the lithium-ion batteries used in a wide range of applications from cell phones to electric vehicles (EV), demand for Cobalt is anticipated to remain strong. The state of Idaho provides a safe jurisdiction with strong support from government agencies at the federal, state and county level.

## Qualified Person

The technical information in this press release has been reviewed and approved by Peter Karelse P.Geol., a consultant to the Company, who is a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101. Mr. Karelse has more than 30 years of experience in exploration and development. Field work at the Champion properties was supervised by Jim Baughman P.Geol.

## ABOUT IDAHO CHAMPION

Idaho Champion is a discovery-focused exploration company that is committed to advancing its 100% owned highly prospective mineral properties located in Idaho, United States. The Company's shares trade on the CSE under the trading symbol "ITKO". Idaho Champion strives to be a responsible environmental steward, stakeholder and a contributing citizen to the local communities where we operate. Idaho Champion takes our social license seriously and employ local community members and services in our operations. Idaho Champion is vested in Idaho with the Baner Project in Idaho County, the Champagne Project located in Butte County near Arco, ID and cobalt properties located in Lemhi County.

## ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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Jonathan Buick, President and CEO

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