

Imperial Provides Update on Mount Polley 2025 Production and Exploration

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VANCOUVER, Feb. 10, 2026 - [Imperial Metals Corp.](#) (the "Company" or "Imperial") (TSX:III) reports that 2025 metal production from Mount Polley mine was 30.715 million pounds of copper and 37,555 ounces of gold. The mine production exceeded the 2025 target of 25.0 - 27.0 million pounds for copper production and met the target of 35 - 40 thousand ounces for gold production.

Mount Polley Mine - Production

During 2025, 6,714,195 tonnes of ore were treated, which was flat compared to 2024, and 30.715 million pounds copper (down 14.0% from 2024) and 37,555 ounces gold (down 4% from 2024) were produced.

The majority of the mill feed during the fourth quarter was from Phase 5 and low grade stockpiles. This led to lower grades and lower copper recovery during the period. The Phase 4 and 5 pushbacks of the Springer Pit generated approximately 50% of the mill feed during the quarter with the remainder coming from lower grade stockpiles. Phase 4 mining will be completed in February 2026.

Mount Polley Mine Production	Three Months Ended December 31		Year Ended December 31	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
Ore milled - <i>tonnes</i>	1,452,466	1,660,937	6,714,195	6,741,127
Ore milled per calendar day - <i>tonnes</i>	15,788	18,054	18,395	18,418
Grade % - copper	0.193	0.306	0.255	0.292
Grade g/t - gold	0.216	0.256	0.254	0.263
Recovery % - copper	75.5	82.5	81.4	82.3
Recovery % - gold	65.4	69.9	68.5	68.6
Copper - <i>000's pounds</i>	4,660	9,242	30,715	35,700
Gold - <i>ounces</i>	6,589	9,564	37,555	39,108

The 2026 production target for Mount Polley mine is 19 - 21 million pounds copper and 40,000 - 44,000 ounces gold. The majority of the mill feed in 2026 will come from the Phase 5 pushback in the Springer Pit which will be supplemented with low grade stockpiles to supply the mill feed.

Red Chris mine 2025 production will be released when the reconciled information is received from [Newmont Corp.](#)

Mount Polley Exploration Update

Imperial reports additional results from the Mount Polley 2025 Phase 2 exploration program which had three goals: to test a high-grade zone beneath the Wight Pit (*see previous News Release January 22, 2026*); to expand and determine the boundaries for mineralization in a potential C2 open pit expansion and find the boundaries of the higher gold grade encountered at depth in the C2 zone; and to test beneath the previously mined Bell Pit for depth extension. The intervals were analyzed for both total copper and non-sulphide copper. The ratio of non-sulphide to total copper is key to determining copper recovery from the often highly oxidized near surface mineralization in C2 zone. Two holes were drilled beneath the previously mined Bell Pit for depth extension.

Figure 1 - Plan Map.

Thirteen drill holes intersected significant gold and copper values near surface in the C2 zone. Of note, drill hole C2-25-123 intersected 82.5 metres grading 0.45% copper and 0.88 g/t gold from a depth of 30.0 metres. That intercept included 47.5 metres grading 0.56% copper and 1.22 g/t gold from a depth of 57.5 metres.

Table 1: Significant results from near surface C2 zone drilling (See Figures 2 and 3, Section A-A' and B-B').

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Cu (%)	Au (g/t)	CuOx Ratio%*
C2-25-123	30.0	112.5	82.5	0.45	0.88	49
Including	57.5	105.0	47.5	0.56	1.22	54
C2-25-124	21.0	45.0	24.0	0.25	0.32	38
C2-25-127	35.0	50.0	15.0	0.13	0.17	8
C2-25-128	100.0	120.0	20.0	0.16	0.35	4
C2-25-129	65.0	90.0	25.0	0.32	0.54	3
And	110.0	125.0	15.0	0.24	0.28	29
C2-25-130	47.5	65.0	17.5	0.18	0.37	2
And	145.0	160.0	15.0	0.27	0.25	26
C2-25-131	52.0	82.5	30.0	0.20	0.10	32
C2-25-132	105.0	117.5	12.5	0.25	0.55	27
C2-25-133	105.0	135.0	30.0	0.15	0.27	40
C2-25-135	87.5	99.0	11.5	0.20	0.36	12
C2-25-136	12.5	65.0	52.5	0.16	0.17	56
C2-25-137	16.5	142.5	126.0	0.20	0.27	39
Including	99.4	132.5	33.1	0.28	0.39	32
C2-25-139	42.5	90.0	47.5	0.27	0.35	31
C2-25-142	6.0	50.0	44.0	0.42	0.39	59
And	250.0	390.0	140.0	0.19	0.30	7

*CuOx Ratio% = (Copper Oxide%/ Total Copper %) * 100

Five drill holes targeted mineralization beneath the near surface C2 zone. Hole C2-25-139 which targeted the northwestern extent of the inferred deep C2 zone and intersected significant shallow mineralization starting at 42.5 metres depth but was unsuccessful at intercepting the deeper C2 zone. The shallow interval intersected 47.5 metres grading 0.27% copper and 0.35 g/t gold from a depth of 42.5 metres.

All the remaining drill holes were successful in intercepting deeper mineralization. Hole C2-25-142 intersected both shallow and deep mineralization, returning 44.0 metres grading 0.42% copper and 0.39 g/t gold from a depth of 6.0 metres, and 140.0 metres grading 0.19% copper and 0.30 g/t gold from a depth of 250.0 metres. Hole C2-25-138 also targeted the deep C2 zone target and intersected 77.5 metres grading 0.49% copper and 0.82 g/t gold from a depth of 277.5 metres. Including 45.0 metres grading 0.72% copper and 1.10 g/t gold from a depth of 277.5 metres.

Figure 2 - Section A - A'.

Figure 3 - Section B - B'.

Table 2: Significant results from deep C2 zone drilling (See Figure 4, Section C - C').

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Cu (%)	Au (g/t)
C2-25-126	292.5	312.5	20.0	0.29	0.44

And	427.5	442.5	15.0	0.26	0.40
C2-25-138	277.5	355.0	77.5	0.49	0.82
including	277.5	322.5	45.0	0.72	1.10
C2-25-140	222.5	230.0	7.5	0.40	1.29
And	255.0	260.0	5.0	0.49	1.01
C2-25-141	302.5	437.5	135.0	0.35	0.53
including	305.0	322.5	17.5	0.56	0.60
And	373.7	402.5	28.8	0.74	1.24

Figure 4 Section C - C'.

Two drill holes, BD-25-36 and BD-25-37, were collared east of the Bell Pit and oriented west, testing beneath the previously mined Bell Pit for depth extension. The two holes were both successful at extending the Bell mineralization deeper than previously tested. Hole BD-25-37 intersected 235.0 metres grading 0.22% copper and 0.27 g/t gold from a depth of 62.5 metres including 45.0 metres grading 0.35% copper and 0.51 g/t gold from a depth of 250.0 metres.

Table 3: Significant results from the Bell Zone drilling.

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Cu (%)	Au (g/t)
BD-25-36	125.0	180.0	55.0	0.33	0.41
including	150.0	167.5	17.5	0.69	0.75
and	210.0	353.1	143.1	0.29	0.33
including	290.9	353.1	62.2	0.37	0.50
BD-25-37	62.5	297.5	235.0	0.22	0.27
and	250.0	295.0	45.0	0.35	0.51

The next phase of diamond drilling is scheduled to start in February 2026 and will initially follow up on the successful results from the first drilling campaign in more than a decade in the Bell Pit area.

Steve Robertson, P.Geo., Imperial's Vice President Corporate Development has reviewed the production disclosures contained in this news release and is the designated Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101.

Jim Miller-Tait, P.Geo., Imperial's Vice President Exploration, has reviewed this news release as the designated Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 for the Mount Polley exploration program. Samples reported were analyzed at Activation Laboratories Ltd. located in Kamloops. A full QA/QC program using blanks, standards and duplicates was completed for all diamond drilling samples submitted to the labs. Significant assay intervals reported represent apparent widths. Insufficient geological information is available to confirm the geological model and true width of significant assay intervals.

About Imperial

Imperial is a Vancouver based exploration, mine development and operating company with holdings that include the Mount Polley mine (100%), the Huckleberry mine (100%), and the Red Chris mine (30%). Imperial also holds a portfolio of 23 greenfield exploration properties in British Columbia.

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