

Imperial Provides Update on Red Chris 2025 Production and Production Guidance for 2026

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VANCOUVER, Feb. 19, 2026 - [Imperial Metals Corp.](#) (the "Company" or "Imperial") (TSX:III) reports that 2025 metal production from Red Chris (100% basis) was 93,101,213 pounds of copper and 92,429 ounces of gold, up from 85,320,618 pounds of copper and 59,811 ounces of gold in 2024, on higher grades for both metals and higher recovery for gold. Red Chris exceeded its 2025 production guidance of 88 million pounds of copper and 86,000 ounces of gold for the calendar year 2025.

Imperial's 30% share of Red Chris mine production for 2025 was 27,930,364 pounds of copper up from 25,596,185 pounds copper in 2024 and 27,729 ounces of gold up from 17,943 ounces gold in 2024.

The Red Chris feasibility study for a block cave expansion operation is advancing, as are permitting activities to support the underground project. Completion of the feasibility study and, subject to the study outcomes, joint venture approval are expected in the second half of 2026.

Newmont Mining Corporation's guidance for Red Chris mine production (100%) is 60 - 66 million pounds of copper and 47,500 - 52,500 ounces of gold for the calendar year 2026. Both copper and gold production are expected to be lower in 2026 at Red Chris as the mining sequence provides for mining lower grade ore and stockpile processing during the year while stripping for the next open pit mining phase.

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.

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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