



Idaho Champion Announces Closing of First Tranche Non-Brokered Private Placement up to \$1.2 million

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TORONTO, May 17, 2019 -- Idaho Champion Gold Mines Canada Inc. (CSE: ITKO) ("Champion" or the "Company"), a discovery-focused gold exploration company, announces that it has closed the first tranche of the private placement offering announced on May 2, 2019 by issuance of 12,000,000 units at a price of \$0.10 per unit, for gross proceeds of \$1,200,000. Each unit consists of one (1) common share and one (1) non-transferrable purchase warrant entitling the holder to acquire one common share at a price of \$0.20 for a period of 36 months from issuance.

As part of the closing of the first tranche, the company issued 4,719,428 units of the Corporation for gross proceeds of \$471,942.80. The Company paid a cash finders' fee of \$800.00 and issued 8,000 finders' warrants.

The proceeds of the financing will be used for funding an exploration program at the Baner Gold Project in Idaho, USA for general working capital purposes.

This financing is subject to regulatory approval and all securities to be issued pursuant to the financing are subject to a four-month hold and one day period under applicable Canadian securities laws. The Company may pay finders' fees consisting of 8% cash and 8% non-transferable warrants in connection with the financing, subject to compliance with the policy of the Canadian Securities Exchange (the "CSE"). Completion of the private placement and payment of any finders' fees remain subject to the receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals, including the approval of the CSE.

Baner Gold Project

The Baner Gold Project is located near Elk City, Idaho County, Idaho. In 2018 Idaho Champion made a new gold discovery at the Baner Creek project with near surface oxide gold mineralization in drilling over a 500 meter strike length. During 2019, the company anticipates continued exploration on the Baner Gold project.

The company plans to grow the new discovery to expand the footprint at the north zone and follow up on the Angel Zone and the Sally targets.

The Baner Project is located within the Orogrande shear zone (OSZ), a 20 kilometer long and up to 1 kilometer wide regional shear zone located in Central Idaho. The OSZ resembles a series of grabens composed of metamorphosed Proterozoic belt sedimentary rocks, Cretaceous Idaho batholith intruded by Tertiary rhyolites and dacitic dikes. The BC claim block covers a series of parallel shear zones on the eastern margin of the OSZ. Hydrothermal alteration is spatially associated with the OSZ and consists of silicification, sericitization, and chloritization. Mineralization is hosted by three types of broadly defined deposit types; Tertiary epithermal deposits, Cretaceous intrusive related gold systems and orogenic shear zone deposits hosted within the batholith. Mineralization includes disseminated low-grade precious metal mineralization in associated stockwork veins, hydraulic breccias and extensive widespread alteration; high-grade gold associated with discrete structurally controlled quartz veins and silicified zones.

The Baner/Sally Project is in the central Idaho Gold Belt, 8 km south of the of Elk City, Idaho. The Elk City is an historic gold mining region dating back to the 1860s and once supported more than 20 underground mines and extensive placer operations. During the 1930's there were three cyanide gold mills along Crooked River processing open pit and underground sulfide ore. Exploration in the district during the 1980's and 1990's included Cypress-Amax, Kinross Gold, and Bema Gold primarily focused on near-surface bulk-tonnage gold potential. Premium Exploration conducted extensive drilling, soil sampling, and airborne and surface geophysics in the 2010 era. Currently a Finnish gold producer, Endomines is developing the Friday project at Orogrande into an underground gold operation and is constructing a gold processing mill.

ABOUT IDAHO CHAMPION

Idaho Champion is a discovery-focused gold 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 is vested in Idaho with the Baner Project in Idaho County, the Champagne Project located in Butte County near Arco, and four cobalt properties in Lemhi County in the Idaho Cobalt Belt. 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.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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Jonathan Buick, President and CEO

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