

## PRESS RELEASE

## UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENTS WITH OLLACHEA COMMUNITY

**Lima, 20th November 2015:** Minera IRL Limited ("Minera IRL" or the "Company") (TSX:IRL)(AIM:MIRL)(BVLAC:MIRL) provides an update on developments with community relations at the Ollachea project in Peru.

In a press release on November 13, 2015 Minera IRL Limited (the Company), reported that an Ollachea Campesino Community ("OCC" or the "Community") information meeting had taken place in Ollachea on November 7, 2015, attended by representatives of Minera IRL SA (the Company's 99.99% percent owned subsidiary in Peru) and the providers of the bridge loan, COFIDE. The Company has since learned that a videotape of the proceedings at that meeting has been made available on the internet, in both fulllength and edited form. (Links to the videotape have been posted www.irlmining.com). The videotape appears to show Mr. Benavides, President of Minera IRL S.A., other officials from Minera IRL S.A., and an unidentified representative of COFIDE, on the stage. Their presence has been confirmed to the Company by OCC members who attended the meeting. After viewing the videotape, the Company's assessment is that the statements made by members of the Community are consistent with complaints reaching the Company via other sources and, in general, not supportive of Mr. Benavides nor his community relations team; several speakers also refer to allegations of corruption within the community relations team and request a dialogue directly with officers of the Company.

To date, the Company has not received an explanation from the subsidiary Minera IRL S.A. of the objectives of the visit to OCC on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

More recently, communications received from certain Comuneros (persons within OCC with voting privileges) state that an earlier letter signed in August by the Community President, Mr. Juan Luis Valeriano Gutierrez, suspending Community support of the project development activities at Ollachea until certain concerns of the Community are addressed, as announced in a Company press release on August 17, 2015, did not have the support of the OCC at large, nor was the president alone authorized to sign this letter on behalf of the OCC. In the past, when the OCC wished to formally communicate important decisions taken by them to the Company through official letters, these included signatures from all seven (7) members of the OCC Board. The Company's community relations consultant has additionally advised that, in Peru, it is rare that such a letter to a mining company would be signed by the president alone.



Furthermore, certain Comuneros have this week informed the Company that the public "Declaration" issued in Lima on November 16, 2015, by the President and three other officers of the Community, following a visit to the Lima offices of Minera IRL S.A. on November 13, 2015, was not discussed with the Community; does not have the support of the Community at large; and was not authorized by the Community.

The Company has been verbally informed that, as a result of the President's actions, the Community convened an Emergency Assembly on the evening of November 16, 2015. The Company has been informed that a written memorandum on the proceedings at this meeting should be received by the Company from the larger Ollachea Community today, Friday November 20, 2015. If the contents of this communication are considered material, a further press release will be issued by the Company.

Certain Comuneros have advised the Company that OCC remains neutral with regard to the voting in the forthcoming Extraordinary General Meeting. The Company has been informed that the OCC's principal objective, similar to the Board's strategy, is for the Ollachea project to be appropriately financed and built to international standards, ensuring sustainable economic growth and benefit to the communities impacted by the Ollachea project. The Board echoes this objective by combining the opportunity for all stakeholders, including equity and debt investors, as well as the OCC, to partner together in delivering a robust long-term gold project despite the significant headwinds currently facing the global mining industry. This was communicated to members of the OCC in a recent letter from the chairman, Mr. Jaime Pinto.

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