

IM EXPLORATION AND STARCORE ANNOUNCE ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF TOIYABE OPTION

April 22, 2021 - Toronto, Ontario – IM Exploration Inc. (CSE: IM) (“**IM**” or the “**Company**”) and Starcore International Mines Ltd. (TSX: SAM) (“**Starcore**”) are pleased to announce that, further to the Company’s press release of March 1, 2021, IM and Starcore entered into an assignment and assumption agreement (the “**Agreement**”) with Minqwest Ltd. (“**Minqwest**”), whereby the Company has assumed Starcore’s obligations and rights to acquire a 100% interest (the “**Transaction**”) in the Toiyabe Gold Project in Lander County, Nevada (the “**Project**”) from Minqwest.

Transaction Details

As consideration for the assignment of Starcore’s right to acquire a 100% interest in the Project, the Company has issued Starcore 4,100,000 common shares in the capital of the Company (the “**Consideration Shares**”) at a price of \$0.15 per Consideration Shares. The Consideration Shares will be subject to a contractual escrow period of twelve (12) months following the date of issuance, with 25% being released every three (3) months, with the first release occurring no later than 3 months after the closing of the Transaction and a cash payment paid to Starcore in the amount of US\$150,000.

Upon closing of the transaction, the Company now has the option to exercise its right to earn a 100% ownership position in the Project by making the following cash payments to Minqwest (for an aggregate total of US\$760,000):

- US\$100,000 on May 31st, 2021
- US\$120,000 on October 15th, 2021
- US\$140,000 on October 15th, 2022
- US\$400,000 on October 15th, 2023

The Company will also be responsible for annual claim payments due to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, which totalled US\$27,225 in 2020. The Company cautions investors that the Company may not exercise their option to acquire ownership of the Project.

Raymond D. Harari, CEO & President of IM Exploration, stated: "We are excited to have an asset with an indicated resource in Nevada's Battle Mountain Trend, North America's most endowed gold belt. The closing of this transaction represents an important milestone for IM and its shareholders. Our next steps are to initiate drilling to further define this highly prospective resource, as well as incorporate more land packages to our portfolio to scale faster and more efficiently."

About IM Exploration Inc.

The Company is a mineral exploration company, currently exploring for graphite, gold, and other minerals at its early-stage Mulloy Project in Northern Ontario. From time to time the Company may also evaluate the acquisition of other mineral exploration assets and opportunities.

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About Starcore

Starcore International Mines is engaged in precious metals production with focus and experience in Mexico. This base of producing assets is complemented by exploration and developments projects throughout North America. Starcore is a leader in Corporate Social Responsibility and advocates value driven decisions that will increase long term shareholder value. You can find more information on their investor friendly website here: www.starcore.com.

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