

IVANHOE MINES LTD
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549
FORM 6-K
REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

From: September 6, 2006

IVANHOE MINES LTD.

(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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Press Release

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

IVANHOE MINES LTD.

Date: September 6, 2006

By: */s/ Beverly A. Bartlett*
BEVERLY A. BARTLETT
Vice President and
Corporate Secretary

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Mongolian Government Establishes a Working Group to Address Investment Agreement for Ivanhoe Oyu Tolgoi Copper and Gold Project

ULAANBAATAR John Macken, President and CEO of Ivanhoe Mines, announced today that the Mongolian Government has established a working group to work with Ivanhoe on a formal Investment Agreement that will confirm a tax, fiscal and legal framework for the development of the Oyu Tolgoi copper-gold mine in Mongolia's South Gobi region.

Discussions between Ivanhoe and the working group are anticipated to commence shortly. Once a draft Investment Agreement has been prepared by the working group, it will be submitted to the consideration of the Cabinet.

The State Secretary of the Ministry of Finance will chair the 10-member working group. The members of the group consist of representatives from designated Mongolian Government ministries, including the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Ministry of Nature and Environment and Ministry of Justice and Home Affairs.

The recent changes to the Taxation and Minerals laws have paved the way for resuming discussions on the Investment Agreement. The establishment of the working group is a key step forward in the process of achieving a comprehensive Investment Agreement for Oyu Tolgoi that will demonstrate the long-term benefits to be achieved for all Mongolians from the socially and environmentally responsible development of the country's mineral resources, said Mr. Macken. Ivanhoe's shares are listed on the New York, NASDAQ and Toronto stock exchanges under the symbol IVN.

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