Franco-Nevada and Inmet Agree to a $1 Billion Precious Metals Stream Financing for the Cobre Panama Project

TORONTO, August 20, 2012 - Franco-Nevada Corporation (TSX: FNV, NYSE: FNV) and Inmet Mining Corporation (TSX: IMN) today announced that their subsidiaries have agreed to terms for a precious metals stream on the Cobre Panama copper project in Panama, one of the world’s largest copper-gold-silver-molybdenum porphyry deposits currently being constructed. Inmet owns 80% and Korea Panama Mining Corp. (KPMC) owns 20% of Minera Panama, S.A. (MPSA), owner and developer of the Cobre Panama project. The transaction has received requisite Board approvals and KPMC’s consent and is subject only to completion of certain filings and registrations with closing expected shortly.

Transaction Highlights

- **Fully funded project:** Franco-Nevada will commit $1 billion to Inmet’s share of the development costs of Cobre Panama. Inmet now has funding in place for $4.2 billion of its $4.8 billion required capital with the balance expected either from other sources of debt or from future operating cash flow.

- **Aligned partners:** The precious metals stream is linked to copper production over the expected initial 31 year mine life – details of the agreement are described below. Basing the gold and silver delivery obligation on copper production provides alignment between Inmet and Franco-Nevada.

- **Upside opportunities:** The current mine plan envisions an initial 160,000 tonnes per day operation with expansion to 240,000 tonnes per day by the tenth year of operation. There is an opportunity to undertake the expansion earlier, subject to consent from KPMC. The current mine plan incorporates 2.3 billion tonnes of reserves. There is additional potential from up to 1.8 billion of measured and indicated resources not included in reserves as well as an additional 3.7 billion tonnes of inferred resources. Exploration at Cobre Panama is ongoing.

David Harquail, President and CEO of Franco-Nevada commented, “Inmet is an experienced and proven mine operator and developer. Franco-Nevada is proud to partner with Inmet to provide the financing needed to develop one of the world’s largest mining projects. We expect the Cobre Panama precious metals stream will be a long-term cornerstone asset for Franco-Nevada that fits well within our overall portfolio. Franco-Nevada’s funding commitment to the Cobre Panama project can largely be financed from its ongoing free cash flow. Franco-Nevada has the capacity to do approximately another $1 billion of new investments to further grow its portfolio in this opportunity rich environment.”

Jochen Tilk, President and CEO of Inmet, further commented, “This is an endorsement of not only the Cobre Panama project but also of the advantages of the stream mine finance model. This $1 billion precious metals stream transaction provides Inmet with competitive funding for the development of Cobre Panama with more flexibility and less associated cost than with a traditional project financing. Securing this financing early reduces the financing risk to our shareholders, without sacrificing our copper production growth profile. We look forward to having Franco-Nevada as a partner in Cobre Panama.”

Terms of the Agreement

Franco-Nevada (Barbados) Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Franco-Nevada, will provide a $1 billion deposit, secured by a pledge of Inmet’s interests in MPSA, which will be used to fund a portion of the Cobre Panama project capital costs. The deposit will become available after Inmet’s funding since the Full Notice to Proceed which was issued on May 18, 2012 reaches $1 billion (expected by Q1 2013). Upon certain funding conditions under the agreement being met, Franco-Nevada (Barbados) funding of the deposit will be pro-rata on a 1:3 ratio with Inmet’s subsequent funding contributions, up to a maximum of $1 billion.

The amount of precious metals deliverable under the stream is indexed to the copper in concentrate produced from the entire project and approximates 86% of the payable precious metals attributable to Inmet’s 80% ownership based on the current 31 year mine plan included in the Cobre Panama Engineering Summary Report dated May 6, 2012. Beyond
the currently contemplated mine life, the precious metals deliverable under the stream will be based on a fixed percentage of the precious metals in concentrate. The deliverable precious metals are calculated as follows:

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Profile based on Inmet’s Basic Engineering Summary Report for the Cobre Panama Project dated May 6, 2012
*Gold equivalent ounces approximated using $1,250/oz Au and $20/oz Ag

**Payment terms:** Franco-Nevada (Barbados) will pay to MPSA an amount for each ounce of precious metals delivered equal to $400 per ounce for gold and $6 per ounce for silver (subject to an annual adjustment for inflation) for the first 1,341,000 ounces of gold and 21,510,000 ounces of silver (approximately the first 20 years of expected deliveries) and thereafter the greater of $400 per ounce for gold and $6 per ounce for silver (subject to an adjustment for inflation) or one half of the then prevailing market price. In all cases the amount paid is not to exceed the prevailing market price per ounce of gold and silver.

**Buy-back Option:** In the event of a precious metals production shortfall, MPSA will have the option to reduce the stream by repaying up to 10% of the $1 billion deposit, net of the value associated with any prior deliveries made to Franco-Nevada (Barbados). MPSA will have this option only once at either the 3rd or 5th anniversary of production commencing.

**Top-up:** Adjustment provisions have been provided for to top-up the stream payments should the mill capacity expansion to 240,000 tpd be delayed beyond year 10.

**Security:** The stream will be secured by a pledge of Inmet’s interests in MPSA, the project operator.

**KPMC:** KPMC is not participating in the transaction. An amended and restated shareholders’ agreement between Inmet and KPMC provides that the precious metals stream will not adversely impact KPMC’s economic interest in or funding requirements for Cobre Panama.

**Cobre Panama**

Full details on the project are available from Inmet’s public disclosures on its website and SEDAR. In summary, Cobre Panama has mineral reserves estimated by Inmet to be in excess of 2.3 billion tonnes of ore which are planned to be mined from several open pits over an initial 31 year mine life. The deposits are estimated by Inmet to contain over 32 billion pounds of copper, almost 9 million ounces of gold and 168 million ounces of silver in the measured and indicated resource category (quoted resources include reserves) and an additional 19 billion pounds of copper, 4.8 million ounces of gold and 121 million ounces of silver in the inferred resource category. Additional details regarding the mineral resources and reserves are contained in the Appendix to this press release. In addition, there is potential...
for further discoveries on the large (~13,000 hectares) concession. The Cobre Panama processing plant is currently planned to be initially constructed with capacity of 160,000 tonnes per day with an expansion to 240,000 tonnes per day by the tenth year of operation. The Cobre Panama project will use conventional truck and shovel mining, has a low strip ratio (0.58:1), and will use conventional flotation technology which is expected by Inmet to produce a clean copper concentrate. The project is situated close to tidewater, will have an owner-operated power plant and is expected by Inmet to have robust economics and cash costs of $0.94/lb of copper (attributable to Inmet’s share after reduction of metal credits due to the precious metals stream of $0.12/lb of copper and using consensus metal prices) over the life of the mine. The project received approval of its Environmental and Social Impact Assessment by the Government of Panama in December 2011, construction began in May 2012, and first production is expected in Q4 of 2015.

**Capital Availability**

Estimated capital for the project is $6.2 billion, with $4.8 billion to be funded by Inmet and $1.4 billion to be funded by KPMC. Inmet has now secured $4.2 billion and believes that it has the flexibility to obtain the balance through other sources of debt. In addition, there is an opportunity to sell an additional equity stake in the project or to draw on Inmet’s operating cash flows. Inmet’s operating cash flow for the first six months of 2012 was $291 million.

Franco-Nevada has substantial capital resources to fund its commitment to the development of the Cobre Panama project. At June 30, 2012, Franco-Nevada had approximately $1.2 billion in available capital. Franco-Nevada has no debt or material capital needs and is generating strong cash flow from its existing portfolio of royalties and streams which can substantially meet its future Cobre Panama commitments. Franco-Nevada has the capacity to do approximately another $1 billion in new investments to further grow its portfolio.

**Conference call details**

Management of Franco-Nevada and Inmet will host a conference call on August 20, 2012 at 10 am Eastern Time to review the transaction. Analysts and interested investors are invited to participate as follows:

- Conference Call: Local: 647-427-7450; Toll-Free: 888-231-8191; Title: Cobre Panama Precious Metals Stream Transaction Conference Call
- Conference Call Replay: A recording will be available until August 27, 2012 at the following numbers:
  - Local: 416-849-0833; Toll-Free: 855-859-2056; Pass code: 222651793
- Slides: Presentation slides will be posted at www.franco-nevada.com and inmetmining.com prior to the call

**Corporate Summary**

Franco-Nevada Corporation is the leading gold royalty and stream company by both gold revenues and number of gold assets. Its business model benefits from rising commodity prices and new discoveries while limiting operating and capital cost inflation.

Inmet Mining Corporation is a Canadian-based global mining company that produces copper and zinc. Inmet has three mining operations: Çayeli (Turkey), Las Cruces (Spain) and Pyhäsalmi (Finland), and an 80 percent interest in the Cobre Panama development project, currently under construction.

For more information, please go to our website at [www.franco-nevada.com](http://www.franco-nevada.com) or [www.inmetmining.com](http://www.inmetmining.com) or contact:

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CAUTIONARY NOTE TO US INVESTORS REGARDING RESERVE AND RESOURCE REPORTING STANDARDS

The disclosure in this press release has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Canadian securities laws, which differ from the requirements of United States securities laws. Disclosure, including scientific or technical information, has been made in accordance with Canadian National Instrument 43-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects (“NI 43-101”). For example, the terms “resources,” “measured resources,” “indicated resources” and “inferred resources” are used in this press release to comply with the reporting standards in Canada. While those terms are recognized and required by Canadian regulations, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) does not recognize them. In addition, the definitions of proven and probable mineral reserves used in NI 43-101 differ from the definitions in the SEC Industry Guide 7. Under United States standards, mineralization may not be classified as a “reserve” unless the determination has been made that the mineralization could be economically and legally produced or extracted at the time the reserve determination is made. In accordance with Canadian rules, estimates of inferred mineral resources cannot form the basis of feasibility or other economic studies. Investors are cautioned not to assume that any part of the reported measured resources, indicated resources or inferred resources in this press release is economically or legally mineable and will ever be classified as a reserve. Accordingly, information contained in this press release containing descriptions of the Cobre Panama project may not be comparable to similar information made public by U.S. companies subject to the reporting and disclosure requirements under the United States federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder.
Appendix: Cobre Panama Reserve and Resource Table

Mineral resources have been prepared in accordance with the definitions and guidelines adopted by the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (called the CIM definitions and guidelines), and according to National Instrument 43-101 of the Canadian Securities Administrators. Mineral resources are as at March 5, 2012 and were estimated by Robert Sim, P. Geo., of SIM Geological Inc., a qualified person under National Instrument 43-101. Mineral reserves are as at December 31, 2011 and were estimated by William Rose, P.E., of WLR Consulting, Inc., a qualified person under National Instrument 43-101. Both qualified persons prepared or supervised the preparation of the information that forms the basis for this press release.

Frank Balint, P. Geo, Vice-President, Corporate Development of Inmet and a qualified person under National Instrument 43-101 has approved the written disclosure in this press release on behalf of Inmet. Phil Wilson, CEng, Vice-President, Technical of Franco-Nevada and a qualified person under National Instrument 43-101 has approved the written disclosure in this press release on behalf of Franco-Nevada.

Reserve estimates are based on the following assumptions:

- copper price: US $2.25 per pound
- gold price: US $1,000 per ounce
- silver price: US $16 per ounce
- molybdenum price: US $13.50 per pound
- Mining costs: US $1.66 per tonne of ore mined, US $1.96 per tonne of waste mined and
- Milling and general and administration cost: US $5.27 per tonne of ore milled, average life of mine metallurgical recoveries: 89 percent for copper, 52 percent for gold, 46 percent for silver and 53 percent for molybdenum.

Mineral resources include mineral reserves. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

Resource grades are estimated using ordinary kriging with a nominal block size of 25 metres by 25 metres by 15 metres. Resources are limited inside a pit shell defined by a copper price of US $2.60 per pound, $1.75 per tonne mining cost and $7.02 per tonne total site operating cost, and are tabulated at a cut-off grade of 0.15 percent copper.

Scientific and technical information regarding the Cobre Panama Project, including the mineral resources and mineral reserves, is based on the technical report of Inmet titled “Mina de Cobre Panama Project, Panama, NI 43-101 Technical Report” and dated effective March 31, 2010, as updated by Inmet’s most recent Annual Information Form dated March 28, 2012 and by a material change report dated May 16, 2012 filed in respect of Inmet’s May 6, 2012 press release “Inmet Announces Basic Engineering and Financing Plan for the Cobre Panama Project”, all of which can be found under Inmet’s corporate profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.