Imperial Mining and SOQUEM Commence $1.0 million Diamond Drilling Program at the Carheil Copper-Zinc Project, Quebec

MONTREAL, QUEBEC – January 16, 2019 – Imperial Mining Group Ltd. (**TSX VENTURE: IPG**) is pleased to announce the start of its 2019 winter drilling program on the Carheil Copper-Zinc Project in the Abitibi region of northwestern Québec (the "Project"). The $1.0 million program operated by SOQUEM, will involve a minimum of 3,500 meters of diamond drilling to test high potential copper (Cu), zinc (Zn) and gold (Au) targets on the new B26 basemetal horizon, south of the past-producing Selbaie Mine (**historical production 53.0 Mt @ 1.9% Zn, 1.0% Cu, 40.7 g/t Ag 0.6 g/t Au**).

The program will test previously-defined Ore Vision™ 3-D induced polarization (3D-IP) anomalies (*see* Imperial Press Release, April 18, 2018) interpreted to represent SOQUEM's "B26" Cu-Zn-Ag-Au deposit horizon (SOQUEM 43-101 mineral resource 2018 - Indicated Resource of **6.97Mt @ 1.32% Cu, 1.80% Zn, 43.0 g/t Ag and 0.60 g/t Au** and an Inferred Resource of **4.41Mt @ 2.03% Cu, 0.22% Zn, 9.0 g/t Ag and 1.07 g/t Au**) as well as to further evaluate known historical base metal mineralized drill intersections on the property.

The Project is located in Brouillan and Carheil townships (Figure 1), 5 km southwest of the past-producing Selbaie Mine. The property consists of 113 contiguous claims covering approximately 53.7 km^2. Imperial holds a 100% interest in the Project that is now subject to an option agreement entered into in 2017 where SOQUEM can earn a 50% interest in the Project by carrying out exploration work totaling $3,750,000 over four (4) years. On completion of their 2019 exploration intentions, SOQUEM will have incurred a total of $1.75 million in exploration expenditures on the property.

Diamond Drilling Targets

SOQUEM will complete a 3,500 m diamond drilling program to test two areas on Imperial's property that straddle the western extension of SOQUEM's "B26" base metal deposit.

The first target area is located at the northwest end of the property (Figure 2) to test Ore Vision™ 3D-IP geophysical targets. The survey identified numerous geophysical anomalies at the western part of the Carheil property believed related to gold and copper-zinc mineralization requiring further evaluation. Diamond drilling will test high-chargeability and locally coincident

low-resistivity anomalies on the western continuation of the "B26" basemetal horizon. Previous diamond drilling in this area identified favourable geology and strong basemetal-style alteration.

A second area, the Puiseaux Target (Figure 3), is located at the northeast end of the property. Historical diamond drilling on adjacent claims returned strongly basemetal mineralized intersections (**up to 0.32% Cu over 11.0m**) related to favourable geology and strong alteration.

The diamond drill program will commence at the end of this month and is expected to be completed by mid-March. Spektra Drilling of Val d'Or, Québec, is the contractor for the drill program. Samples collected from drilling will be submitted to SGS Canada Inc. of Val d'Or, Québec for geochemical analysis upon completion of the program.

The technical content in this press release was reviewed and certified by Pierre Guay, Imperial's VP Exploration, a Professional Geoscientist and Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101.

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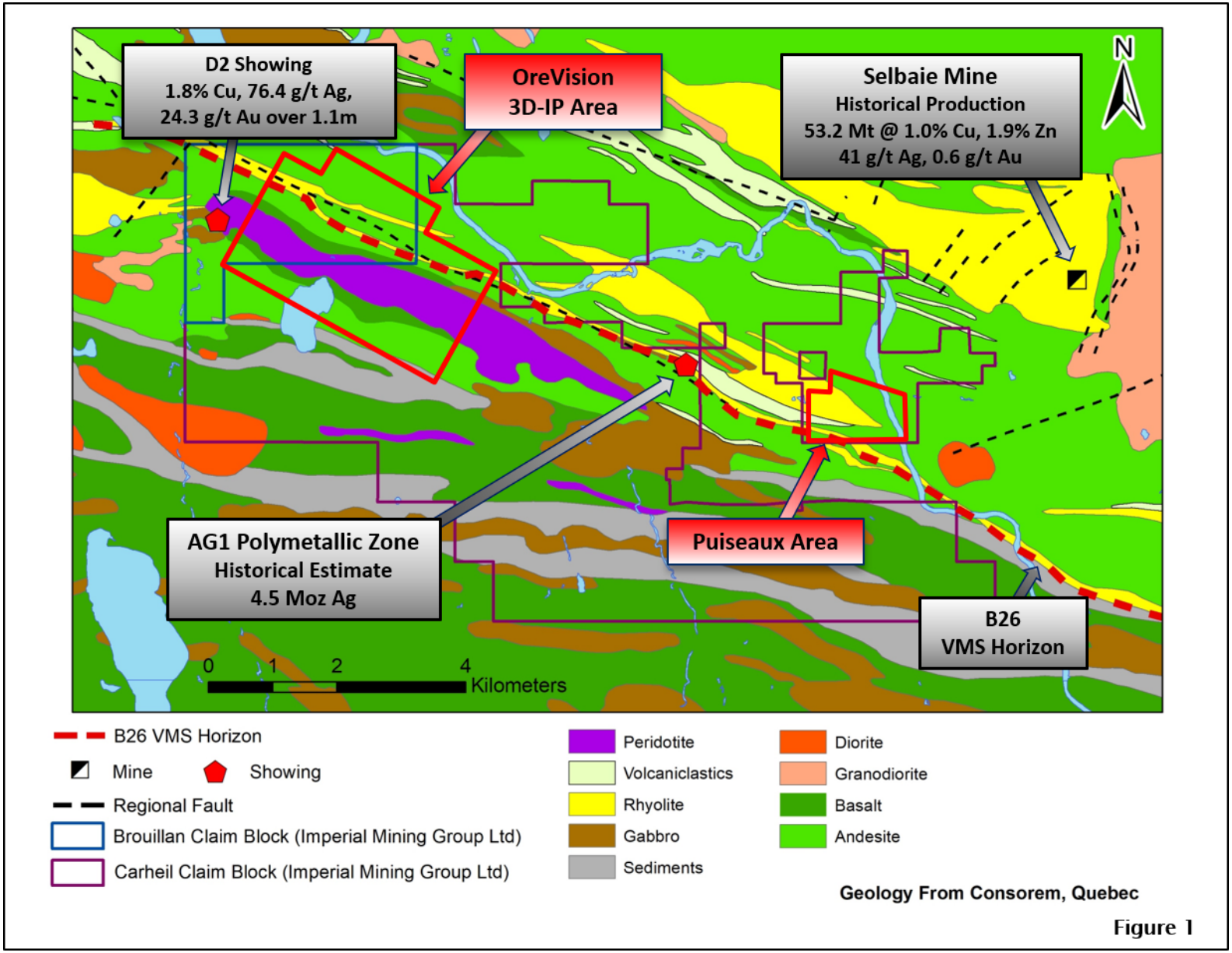
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Geology From Consorem, Quebec

Figure 1

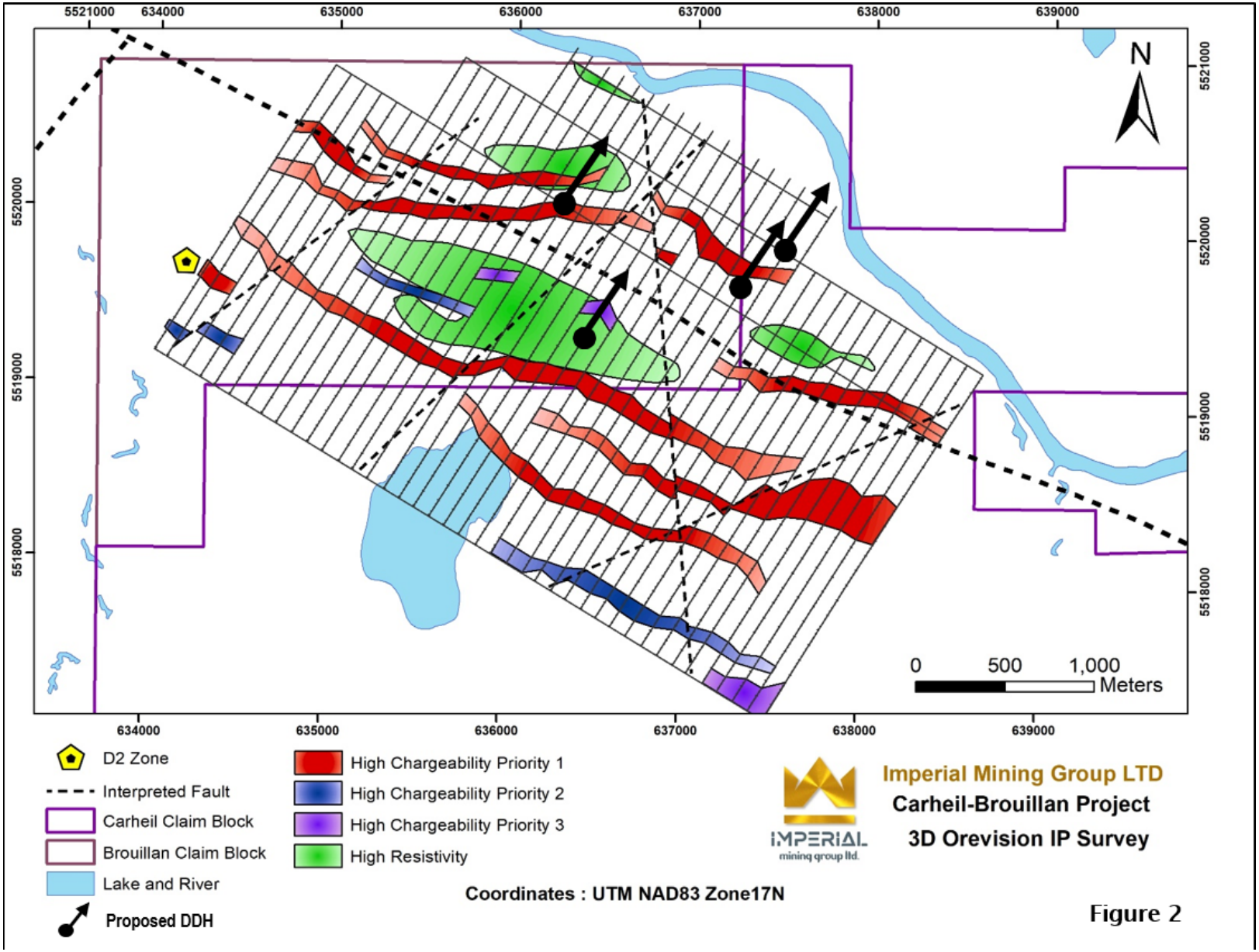

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Figure 2

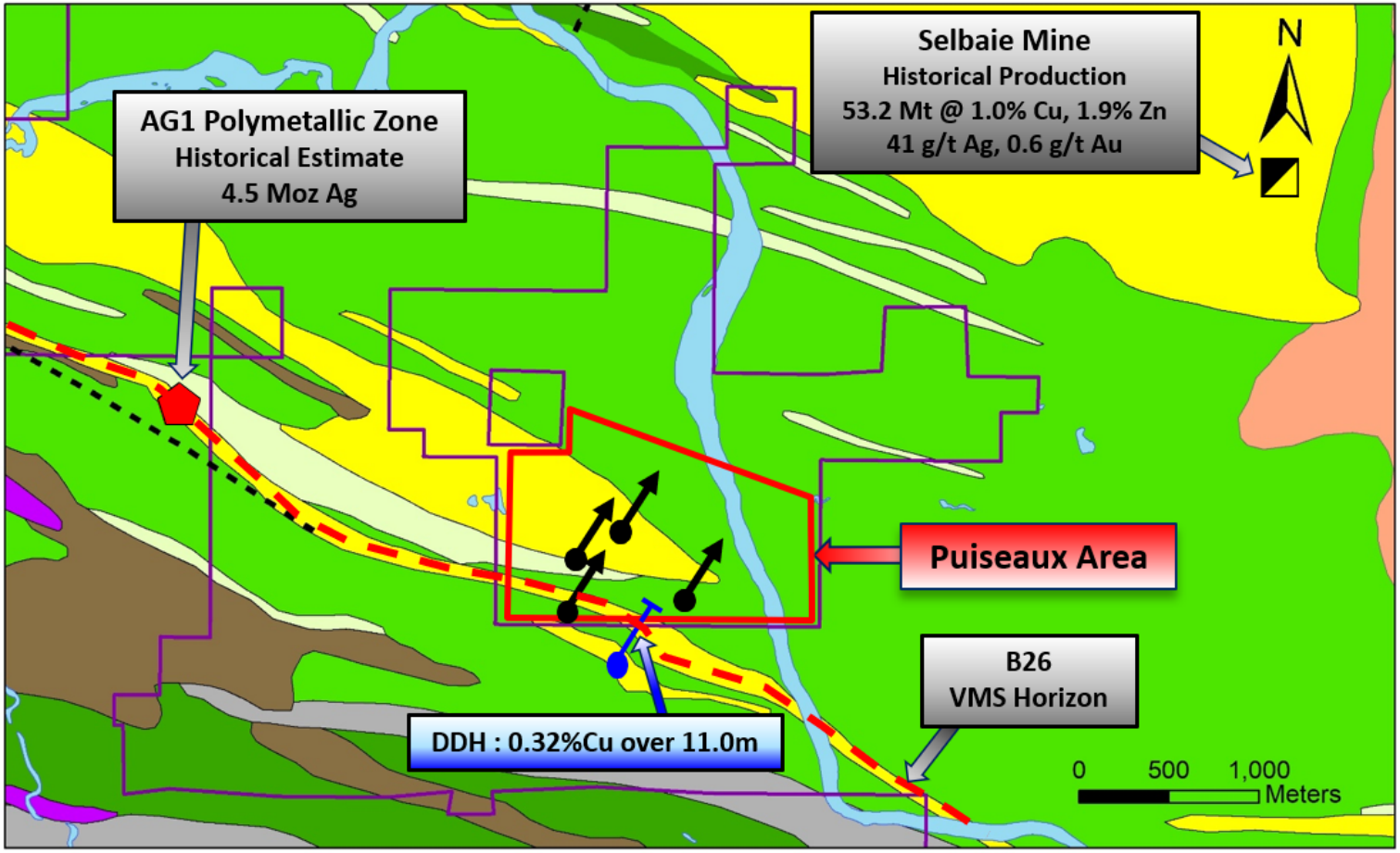

Selbaie Mine
Historical Production
53.2 Mt @ 1.0% Cu, 1.9% Zn
41 g/t Ag, 0.6 g/t Au
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AG1 Polymetallic Zone
Historical Estimate
4.5 Moz Ag
Puiseaux Area
B26
VMS Horizon
DDH : 0.32%Cu over 11.0m
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Proposed DDH
Interpreted Fault
Carheil Claim Block
Brouillan Claim Block
Lake and River
Felsic Volcanics
Tuff
Sediments
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