



## **Community Suspension of Development Activity on the Ollachea Gold Project**

**Lima, 17 August 2015:** Minera IRL Limited (“Minera IRL” or the “Company”) (TSX:IRL) (AIM:MIRL) (BVL:MIRL) announces that it has received communication from Senor Juan Luis Valeriano Gutierrez, President of the Ollachea Community (the “Community”), which encompasses the Company’s Ollachea Gold Project, stating that the Community is suspending its support of the project development activities at Ollachea until certain concerns of the Community are addressed. The Community has raised concerns about the status of the Company’s plans to reorganize its management structure to better serve the stakeholders, and the specific role of certain individuals within the Company. This situation was also reported by the Community to the Puno press on 14 August 2015.

The Company has responded directly to Senor Valeriano reiterating its solid commitment to the Community moving forward and that the Company will honour all previous commitments. The Company is endeavouring to work with the Ollachea Community to address the other concerns being raised. There was a general meeting of the Community of Ollachea on 15 August 2015 and a follow up meeting on 16 August 2015, where this matter is under discussion internally and the Company is awaiting the outcome of this assembly.

Until these Community issues are resolved, the Company cannot advance the project, and therefore the expected August start-up of a 5,000 metre exploration drill program, and final negotiation of the EPCM contract, are on hold. This embargo increases the risk of completing the previously announced project financing.

Daryl Hodges, the Executive Chairman of the Company, commented, “We understand that the loss of Courtney Chamberlain and the transformation of the Ollachea project from exploration to a significant mine development project has created uncertainty with the Community. I would like to emphasize my previous message that the Company and Board of Directors are committed to a long-lasting and positive relationship with the Community as we move together as partners into the next phase.”

The Company feels it has developed a strong working relationship with the Ollachea Community over the past eight years. This includes having spent over \$100 million to date advancing the Ollachea Gold Project, including over \$25 million in the Ollachea Community, and entering into a long-term agreement by offering to the Community a 5% carried interest in the Company’s subsidiary that holds the Ollachea Gold Project. While the Company expects to arrive at a favourable resolution of the current situation the outcome of these discussions remains uncertain.

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### **About Minera IRL Limited**

Minera IRL Limited is an AIM, TSX and BVL listed precious metals mining and exploration company with operations in Latin America. Minera IRL is led by a management team with extensive operating experience in South America. In Peru, the Company operates the Corihuarmi Gold Mine and is advancing its flagship Ollachea Gold Project towards production. For more information, please visit [www.minera-irl.com](http://www.minera-irl.com).

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