



## PRESS RELEASE

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### Petropavlovsk PLC

#### IRC Announcement: Amur River Bridge Connected

Petropavlovsk PLC (the "Company") is pleased to notify that IRC Limited ("IRC"), a producer and developer of industrial commodities in which the Company is a significant shareholder (31.1%), has today made an announcement in relation to the connection of both ends of the Amur River Bridge.

According to local media, the authorities in China's Heilongjiang province have confirmed that the last steel beam of the Russian-Chinese railway bridge over the Amur River has been installed which means that the main span of the bridge has been connected. Full construction of the bridge is scheduled in July 2019 and is expected to be operational later in 2019.

In terms of significance, and as previously announced by IRC, the cost of transporting its premium high-grade 65% iron ore product to China from the K&S mine may be reduced by up to US\$5 per tonne once the railway bridge is in operation. In addition, the completion of the bridge will shorten the potential shipment time from 7 to 10 days to 3 to 5 days.

The full text of these announcements may be found on the website of IRC at [www.ircgroupp.com.hk](http://www.ircgroupp.com.hk)

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