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OCEANIC IRON ORE CORP. CORPORATE UPDATE

Vancouver, BC, May 18, 2011 - Oceanic Iron Ore Corp. (the "Company") is pleased to announce that its 2011 drill program continues to proceed on schedule with the delivery of two additional drills this past weekend, for a total of three drills on-site at Hopes Advance Bay. The Company expects these two additional drills to be mobilized and operational within a week.

A total of 9 holes have been drilled to date on Castle Mountain, the Company's first target in the Hopes Advance Bay area. Castle Mountain is comprised of a series of gently easterly dipping inter-layered banded iron formations of Sokoman iron formation, with alternating magnetite rich and hematite rich units of thicknesses varying between 25 metres and 100 metres.

To date, the twinning of historical drill holes seems to confirm a similar geological interpretation when compared to the historical assays, although this needs to be confirmed through laboratory testing. The drilling also suggests that the cover quartzose sediment iron carbonates overlying the iron formations is very thin, presenting advantageous conditions for eventual mining.

In reviewing the geology and geophysics, the Company has identified a number of step-out targets throughout Hopes Advance Bay. Hole HA11-02, the Company's second exploration hole located on the southeast side of Castle Mountain grid, presents iron formations that are of the order of 100 metres thick, with relatively little cover. The underlying footwall units are magnetic schists with lower iron grades.

The two additional drills that have been delivered will now allow for the drill program to expand to the Bay Zone, Zone 2, Zone 4 and Iron Valley areas of Hopes Advance Bay where the Company will adopt a similar strategy of targeting holes based on available historic information. The current drill program is expected to continue through September, with a further two drills scheduled to be delivered on-site by the end of June to middle of July, for a total of 5 drills on the properties.

Granting of Options

Pursuant to the Company's stock options plan, the Company has granted of a total of 1.5 million incentive stock options exercisable at \$0.41 per share for a period of ten years to management and officers of the Company, subject to regulatory approval.

Eddy Canova, P.Geo., the Exploration Manager for the Company and a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101, has reviewed and is responsible for the technical information contained in this news release.

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