

IVANHOE MINES LTD
Form 6-K
March 21, 2012

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

March 20, 2012

Commission File Number: 001-32403

IVANHOE MINES LTD.

(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

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(Address of Principal Executive Office)

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Form 6-K includes our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2011, and our Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for the Year Ended December 31, 2011, which information shall be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and is otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

IVANHOE MINES LTD.

Date: March 20, 2012

By: */s/ Beverly A. Bartlett*
BEVERLY A. BARTLETT
Vice President & Corporate Secretary

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99.1 Annual Financial Statements and Management Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2011.