

EMX Royalty Corp. Options the Riddarhyttan IOCG/Massive Sulfide Project in Sweden to South32

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Vancouver, April 19, 2018 - [EMX Royalty Corp.](#) (TSXV: EMX) (NYSE American: EMX) ("EMX") is pleased to announce the execution of an option agreement (the "Agreement"), through its wholly owned subsidiary Eurasian Minerals Sweden AB, for the Riddarhyttan Iron-Oxide-Copper Gold ("IOCG") and massive sulfide project in Sweden (the "Project") to diversified global miner South32 (ASX: S32) (LSE: S32) (JSE: S32) (ADR: SOUHY) ("South32"). The Agreement provides for option payments and work commitments during a five year earn-in period, and upon earn-in, EMX's interest will be converted to a 3% net smelter return ("NSR") royalty. EMX will also receive certain milestone payments and annual advance royalty payments, and will initially be the operator of the Project.

The Riddarhyttan Project is a past producer of iron and copper located in the Bergslagen mining region of southern Sweden. Historic production at Riddarhyttan dates to antiquity and continued through the late 1970s. Riddarhyttan is the locality where the element cobalt was first discovered and recognized, and is also the type locality of certain rare earth elements and related minerals. Like many historic mining districts in Scandinavia, little recent exploration has taken place. Please see www.EMXRoyalty.com for more information.

EMX and South32 plan to immediately commence exploration work on the Project, including airborne geophysical surveys, as well as mapping and sampling campaigns.

Commercial Terms Overview. Pursuant to the Agreement, South32 can earn 100% interest in the Project by (all dollar amounts in USD): (a) making option and cash payments that total approximately \$210,600, (b) making a one-time option exercise payment of \$500,000, and (c) completing \$5,000,000 of exploration work on the Project within five years of the execution date. Upon exercise of the option, EMX will retain a 3% NSR royalty, 0.75% of which may be purchased by South32 for \$1,900,000 within five years of executing the Agreement.

After exercising the option, annual advance royalty payments of 50,000 pounds of copper (or the cash equivalent) will be due to EMX, but will be deductible from future royalty payments. In addition, South32 will make milestone payments of:

- 350,000 pounds of copper (or the cash equivalent) upon publication of a maiden resource on the Project.
- 750,000 pounds of copper (or the cash equivalent) upon delivery of a feasibility study.

Project Overview. The Riddarhyttan property contains multiple historic mines and styles of mineralization. Historic mining was largely focused on iron-oxide rich mineralization that was also known to contain appreciable copper, cobalt and gold. Iron oxide mineralization was mined from many locations on the property, but is known to continue to depths below the mine workings, and along strike. The distributions of copper, cobalt and gold in those zones remains poorly understood, but copper sulfides are abundant in waste piles and dumps throughout the property.

Also present are zones of rare earth element ("REE") enriched mineralization, and bodies of pyrrhotite-rich massive sulfide. The massive sulfide bodies were partly mined in past centuries for copper and sulfur, and have a strike length of several kilometers, but also extend to unknown depths on the property. Portions of the massive sulfide bodies are known to be enriched in copper and zinc, which are commonly seen in clasts entrained within the massive sulfide bodies. Only limited historic exploration drilling has targeted the massive sulfide lenses.

Mineralization at Riddarhyttan is associated with, and hosted by, mid-Proterozoic supracrustal sedimentary

and volcanic units. Hydrothermal alteration is intense and widespread throughout the area, with strong local addition of iron, sodium, calcium, potassium and magnesium to host rocks. The area forms a prominent magnetic high as delineated by regional magnetic surveys.

EMX identified the Riddarhyttan opportunity during regional assessments of historic mining districts in Scandinavia, with key considerations being the remarkable strike length of mineralization in the area, enrichments in copper, cobalt and gold, and the presence of sulfide-rich bodies of mineralization which were not the target of the historic mining activities. Last explored in the 1980s, EMX sees a clear opportunity to apply updated and more recently developed techniques and models to advance exploration and the discovery potential at Riddarhyttan.

Dr. Eric P. Jensen, CPG, is a Qualified Person under NI 43-101 and employee of the Company. Dr. Jensen has reviewed, verified and approved disclosure of the technical information contained in this news release.

About EMX. EMX leverages asset ownership and exploration insight into partnerships that advance our mineral properties, with EMX retaining royalty interests. EMX complements its generative business with strategic investment and third party royalty acquisition.

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