

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - Jan 11, 2016) - East Africa Metals Inc. (TSX VENTURE:EAM) ("East Africa" or the "Company") is pleased to provide an update on the 40 x 40 metre spaced infill diamond drilling program at the Mato Bula Silica Hill Deposit, being conducted to upgrade and further define the present resource (*refer to East Africa's news release dated May 5, 2015*). Results for 16 drill holes, totaling 2,265 metres, have been received, and will assist in further refining the definition of the mineralization. The Mato Bula Silica Hill system remains open to depth.

Highlight intersections from the Mato Bula Silica Hill Resource infill drilling include;

- 19.50 metres at 21.67 grams per tonne gold including 8.6 metres at 46.81 grams per tonne gold, from 103.35 metres drill depth (WMD050 - Section 19920N).
- 20.69 metres at 18.37 grams per tonne gold including 10.67 metres at 34.23 grams per tonne gold, from 87.5 metres drill depth (WMD053 - Section 19880N).

The highlighted intersections are situated in adjacent proximity to former highest grade intercepts encountered at Silica Hill (Figure 1), and it is anticipated they will improve confidence in the refinement and definition of the existing resource. A long section of the Upper Lode illustrates the new results (Figure 2). The table below outlines results for the Infill program to date.

Silica Hill Diamond Drill results

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m) ⁽¹⁾	Gold (grams/tonne) ^{(2),(3)}	Copper (%)	Local Azimuth	Dip Prospect	
WMD042	35.75	49.30	13.55 ⁽⁴⁾	0.31	1.74	91	-45 Mato Bula-Silica Hill	
WMD043	87.65	100.55	12.90 ⁽⁴⁾	0.73	2.30	92	-61 Mato Bula-Silica Hill	
WMD044	175.20	193.75	18.55	1.45	0.64	91	-61 Mato Bula-Silica Hill	
including	175.20	182.05	6.85	2.69	1.12			
WMD045	61.84	63.84	2.00	0.50	0.03	89	-49 Mato Bula-Silica Hill	
WMD046	No Significant Results						86	-47 Mato Bula-Silica Hill
WMD047	27.00	40.10	13.10	1.52	0.53	86	-55 Mato Bula-Silica Hill	
	64.45	76.70	12.25	0.38	0.03			
WMD048	28.35	62.10	33.75	2.30	0.17	89	-55 Mato Bula-Silica Hill	
including	33.22	45.70	12.48	4.21	0.11			
	68.20	74.30	6.10	0.51	0.08			
WMD049	73.65	101.00	27.35	3.52	0.21	91	-47 Mato Bula-Silica Hill	
including	77.60	92.04	14.44	5.81	0.20			
WMD050	103.35	122.85	19.50	21.67	0.18	85	-47 Mato Bula-Silica Hill	
including	108.10	116.70	8.60	46.81	0.25			
WMD051	130.06	153.15	23.09	6.03	0.23	88	-49 Mato Bula-Silica Hill	
including	138.66	145.26	6.60	15.56	0.19			
	156.00	161.97	5.97	1.08	0.15			
WMD052	155.00	201.65	46.65	1.58	0.09	88	-61 Mato Bula-Silica Hill	
including	163.07	165.07	2.00	10.13	0.27			
and including	184.50	187.10	2.60	7.59	0.62			
WMD053	87.50	108.19	20.69	18.37	0.21	90	-55 Mato Bula-Silica Hill	
including	93.47	104.14	10.67	34.23	0.22			
WMD054	25.91	48.00	22.09	3.26	0.08	90	-46 Mato Bula-Silica Hill	
including	38.30	41.30	3.00	13.82	0.27			
WMD055	87.30	106.80	19.50	1.21	0.06	90	-47 Mato Bula-Silica Hill	
WMD056	147.53	168.35	20.82	5.64	0.20	89	-59 Mato Bula-Silica Hill	
including	149.50	158.50	9.00	10.89	0.30			
WMD057	211.50	231.50	20.00	3.33	0.12	91	-70 Mato Bula-Silica Hill	
including	214.50	221.5	7.00	4.51	0.14			

(1) True thicknesses are interpreted as 60-90% of stated intervals.

(2) Intervals use a 0.3 gram per tonne gold cutoff value.

(3) No top cut has been used on assay values.

(4) Copper interval, not subject to gold cutoff criteria.

Terakimti Update - Harvest Project

Review of the updated Oxide Resource portion of the Terakimti deposit by East Africa has identified an error in the tabulation of

mineral resources (refer to East Africa's news release dated October 27, 2015). This error has been corrected by the resource QP.

Updated Terakimti Oxide resource

Classification	Tonnes (t)	Gold Equivalent (g/t)	Gold Grade (g/t)	Silver Grade (g/t)	Copper Grade (%)	Gold Metal (Ozs)	Silver Metal (Ozs)
Indicated	1,110,000	3.41	3.20	23.6	0.08	114,000	841,000
Inferred	15,000	2.06	1.94	13.5	0.04	1,000	7,000

The Company does not believe this revision to be material.

Mineral Resource Qualified Persons

David Thomas, P.Geo., of Fladgate Exploration Consulting Corporation has reviewed and approved the technical revised resource information contained in this news release regarding the Updated Terakimti Oxide resource. Mr. Thomas is independent of East Africa and is a "Qualified Person" as defined by NI 43-101.

Forward Program

East Africa will continue to advance both its Harvest and Adyabo projects in Northern Ethiopia. Infill drilling continues in January 2016 at the Da Tambuk deposit at Adyabo, and is scheduled for completion by the end of January 2016. Metallurgical diamond drilling has been completed at the Terakimti Oxide deposit, and samples have been forwarded to an accredited lab for metallurgical evaluation.

Quality Control

The planning, execution, and monitoring of East Africa's drilling and quality control programs at the Adyabo Project has been conducted under the supervision of Jeff Heidema, P.Geo., East Africa's Vice President Exploration. Mr. Heidema is a "Qualified Person" as defined by NI 43-101, and has reviewed and approved the geological information contained in this news release. Diamond drilling was coordinated by East Africa's contract geologists who also managed the preparation, logging, and sampling of core and rock samples, in addition to carrying out bulk density measurements. During sampling, quality control standards and blanks were introduced at pre-determined intervals to monitor laboratory performance. A system of field, reject, and pulp sample duplicates was also incorporated, as were specific programs of re-assaying and umpire lab assaying to both monitor laboratory performance and also characterize potential mineralization; all consistent with industry best practice.

Drill core samples have undergone preliminary preparation at the Bureau Veritas Mineral Laboratories facility in Ankara, Turkey, and are crushed to 80% passing 10 mesh, and pulverized to 85% passing 200 mesh (PRP70-1KG package). Analyses are conducted at Bureau Veritas Mineral Laboratories in Vancouver, Canada, with diamond drill core analyses utilizing Aqua Regia digestion and ICP-ES for base metal and silver analyses (AQ370 package), and Infill sample program utilizing Aqua Regia digestion and ICP-MS/ICP-ES (AQ270 package) for base metal and silver analyses. Gold analyses are conducted via Fire Assay Fusion with AA finish, and gravimetric analyses are completed for over-limit samples (FA430, FA530-Au packages).

Information recorded from diamond drill core assaying was integrated using industry standard data management software (Maxwell Datashed).

About East Africa

The Company's principal assets and interests include both the 70%-owned Harvest polymetallic VMS exploration Project, which covers approximately 116 square kilometres in the Tigray region of Ethiopia, 600 kilometres north-northwest of the capital city of Addis Ababa, and the Adyabo Project, covering 264 square kilometres immediately west of the Harvest Project. The Company owns 80% of the Adyabo Project. East Africa now has mineral resources defined at both projects in Ethiopia and continues to test priority targets. Additionally, the Company owns the 93 square kilometre Handeni Property located in north-eastern Tanzania. Handeni includes the Magambazi Project, a gold deposit discovered in 2009. East Africa has entered into a binding letter agreement with an arm's length private exploration and development company to advance the project.

More information on the Company can be viewed at the Company's website: www.eastafricametals.com.

On behalf of the Board of Directors:

Andrew Lee Smith, P.Geo., CEO

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