VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - March 15, 2016) - East Africa Metals Inc. (TSX VENTURE:EAM) ("East Africa" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of Sean I. Waller, P.Eng, to the Company's Board of Directors and Chairman of the Board's Project Development Committee.

Mr. Waller is a mineral processing engineer, registered as a Professional Engineer in British Columbia. Mr. Waller has over 30 years of International minerals industry experience including company and project management, evaluation, design and operation.

Andrew Lee Smith, the Company's President and C.E.O. stated, "We believe the addition Mr. Waller to the Board of Directors represents a valuable addition of skill and experience. As Chairman of the Board's Project Development Committee, Mr. Waller will be appropriately placed to lead the Company's development of the technical project specifications required to advance the Company's Ethiopian assets toward commercial viability."

Mr. Waller currently serves as President of Candente Copper Corp. Candente Copper is developing the large scale Cañariaco Norte copper deposit located in Northern Peru.

Previous roles in Mr. Waller's career included AMEC Americas Limited Mining Division ("AMEC") in Vancouver where he held the positions of Vice President of Business Development and Senior Project Manager. At AMEC, Mr. Waller was the Study Manager for the definitive Feasibility Study of Nevsun's very successful Bisha Mine in Eritrea and the Project Manager for the Front End Engineering Design of the large scale Petaquilla Copper project in Panama (now under construction).

Prior to AMEC, Mr. Waller worked with SNC-Lavalin's Mining Division in senior technical roles in mineral processing and project engineering. Mr. Waller previously worked for Freeport-McMoran as Chief Metallurgist at its world class Grasberg copper gold mine in Indonesia, as well as Chief Metallurgist at the Colomac gold mine in the sub-Arctic. Mr. Waller is the Past President of the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum. He was the Chair of the Organizing Committee for the CIM Annual Conference in Vancouver in 2010. Mr. Waller sits on the Board of Trustees for the CIM Foundation, a charitable foundation that supports educational programs and activities, provides scholarships, and promotes the minerals industry as an enviable career choice.

About East Africa Metals

The Company's principal assets include both the 70%-owned Harvest Polymetallic and the 100%-owned Adyabo Gold Projects in the Tigray region of Ethiopia, 600 kilometres north‐northwest of the capital city of Addis Ababa. East Africa now has mineral resources defined at both projects in Ethiopia and continues to test priority targets.

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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