

East Africa Metals completes Mato Bula infill diamond drill program, most recent intersections

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VANCOUVER, May 29, 2017 - [East Africa Metals Inc.](#) (TSX VENTURE: EAM) ("East Africa" or the "Company") is pleased to announce newly received results from recently completed infill diamond drilling at the Adyabo Project, Mato Bula deposit in Ethiopia.

Highlight intersections include:

- At Mato Bula - 12.60 metres grading 12.59 grams per tonne gold, 0.66% copper, and 1.5 grams per tonne silver, from 77.40 metres drill depth (WMD085), and;
- At Mato Bula - 7.60 metres grading 14.59 grams per tonne gold, 0.62% copper, and 1.5 grams per tonne silver, from 150.40 metres drill depth (WMD086).

Adyabo Project Mato Bula work program

The Mato Bula infill diamond drill program was concluded on May 15, 2017. A total of 7,025 metres in 49 holes were completed. Geophysical I.P. survey work continues on site, and is expected to be completed in early June 2017. The most recent drill results received are outlined below.

Mato Bula infill diamond drill intercepts

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	¹ Gold	g/t ^{2,3} Copper	% Silver	g/t Zinc
WMD076	16.24	19.00	2.76	5.13	0.04	1.7	0.01
	40.01	46.00	5.99	2.29	0.26	8.0	0.30
	30.00	36.00	6.00	1.36	0.55	1.2	0.02
WMD077	63.80	67.00	3.20	0.92	0.21	4.1	1.11
	71.80	93.00	21.2 ^{^^}	0.28	0.23	4.7	1.02
	including 88.00	93.00	5.00	0.47	0.32	6.3	0.57
WMD078	40.23	41.00	0.77	1.90	0.14	0.0	0.01
	143.26	147.00	3.74	4.22	1.13	1.2	0.00
	151.30	154.90	3.60	0.51	1.70	2.6	0.00
WMD079	228.00	232.73	4.73 ^{^^}	0.25	0.28	6.8	1.57
	34.30	40.64	6.34	0.54	0.01	1.7	0.00
	50.00	53.80	3.80	4.84	0.52	5.9	0.06
WMD080	105.00	110.00	5.00	0.61	0.90	1.8	0.00
	129.00	135.00	6.00	5.39	0.06	1.1	0.00
	including 133.00	135.00	2.00	14.95	0.06	2.0	0.00
WMD081	22.86	25.91	3.05	2.24	0.00	0.2	0.00
WMD082	47.00	50.00	3.00	0.81	0.93	0.6	0.00
	81.00	81.58	0.58	2.17	0.37	0.0	0.00
WMD083	214.91	218.30	3.39 ^{^^}	0.68	0.18	11.8	2.41
	216.30	220.30	4.00	0.76	0.25	11.2	0.34
WMD084	96.07	97.30	1.23	1.89	0.86	1.1	0.00
	125.00	127.00	2.00	4.25	0.21	0.0	0.00
	135.48	135.93	0.45	12.30	0.95	19.3	0.05

WMD085	77.40	90.00	12.60	12.59	0.66	1.5	0.03
	146.22	153.53	7.31	0.80	0.45	3.3	0.08
WMD086	150.40	158.00	7.60	14.59	0.62	1.5	0.03
including	153.00	155.65	2.65	37.12	1.44	3.6	0.03
WMD087	101.53	108.40	6.87	3.74	0.29	0.7	0.02
	108.70	123.00	14.30	2.39	0.26	0.6	0.01
WMD088	108.70	115.00	6.30	4.59	0.44	1.2	0.02
including	131.00	135.00	4.00	2.64	1.14	2.8	0.01

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

²No topcut has been used on analyses

³Intervals use a 0.3 gram per tonne gold cutoff value

^{^^}Zinc interval, not subject to gold cutoff criteria

Harvest Project Update

Diamond drilling results were also received for the Lihamat drill program, as described below.

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m) ¹	Gold g/t ^{2,3}	Local Azimuth	Dip	Prospect
LD001	49.00	51.00	2.00	9.840	90	-59	Lihamat
LD002	35.00	36.00	1.00	4.300	90	-54	Lihamat
	61.00	62.00	1.00	4.370			
LD003	No Significant Results				90	-56	Lihamat
LD004	15.50	17.00	1.50	3.300	90	-61	Lihamat

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²No topcut has been used on analyses

³Intervals use a 0.3 gram per tonne gold cutoff value

Diagrams illustrating recent drilling results are attached and available on the website.

Quality Control

The planning, execution, and monitoring of East Africa's drilling and quality control programs at the Harvest and Adyabo Projects 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 both the Turkey facility and the 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 at the Turkey Bureau Veritas Mineral Laboratories facility 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).

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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