

East Africa Metals Signs Definitive Agreement for Development Financing

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VANCOUVER, July 02, 2019 - [East Africa Metals Inc.](#) (TSX-V: EAM - "East Africa" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the Company, through its wholly owned subsidiaries, has executed a definitive Share Purchase Agreement and Joint Venture Contract with Silk Road Resources Investments Co. Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Tibet Huayu Mining Co. Limited ("THM"), for the development and operation of the Adyabo Project's Mato Bula and Da Tambuk deposits located in the Tigray region of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia.

Highlights:

- THM has agreed to purchase 70% interest of the Adyabo Project
- EAM will receive a cash payment of US\$1.2M on closing of the transaction and retain a 30% Net Profit Interest
- THM will finance 100% of the capital costs, and operate the mine development program and mining operations
- Estimated capital costs for construction of US\$54 million for Mato Bula and US\$34 million for Da Tambuk (see East Africa News Release dated April 30, 2018)
- EAM will retain the exploration rights to all prospective mineralization on its concession areas outside of the current resource

Tibet Huayu Share Purchase and Project Development Financing

In finalizing the terms of the transaction described in the binding letter of intent (see East Africa News Release dated February 8, 2019), East Africa has agreed to transfer to Tibet Huayu Mining, 70% of the Company's equity interest in its Ethiopian subsidiary company, [Tigray Resources Inc.](#) (100% owner of East Africa's Adyabo Project).

The terms of the signed Share Purchase Agreement and Joint Venture Contract confirm Tibet Huayu's obligation to fund 100% of the capital expenditures required to develop the Mato Bula and Da Tambuk deposits, operate the mine development program and mining operations, and make a cash payment to EAM of US\$1.2M on closing of the transaction. EAM will benefit from a 30% profits interest in the project.

ADYABO PROJECT PRELIMINARY ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT SUMMARY (April 30, 2018)

PARAMETER	Units	Mato Bula Mato Bula North	Da Tambuk
Mineral Resources*			
Indicated	Tonnes	2,440,000	775,000
Inferred	Tonnes	5,825,000	110,000
Indicated	Oz Au/Au ^{eqv}	330,000	116,000
Inferred	Oz Au/Au ^{eqv}	420,000	15,000
Current Mine Plan (LOM)			
	Tonnes	3,335,000	650,000
	Oz Au/Au ^{eqv}	300,000	96,000
	Years	6.8	3.3
Capital Cost	US\$ (‘000s)	54,200	34,030
Sustaining Capital	US\$ (‘000s)	5,600	8,030
Post Tax Cash Flow (LOM)	US\$ (‘000s)	97,700	20,615

Post Tax NPV @ 8%	US\$ (‘000s)	56,660		13,020	
Post Tax IRR	%	28.4	%	28.6	%
C1 Op Cost	US\$/oz Au	412		420	
AISC	US\$/oz Au	620		642	
Payback	Years	3.0		1.9	
Processing Rate	t/day	1,400		550	
Post Tax Cash Flow	US\$ (‘000s)	\$ 29,310		\$ 6,185	

(See East Africa News Release April 30,2018) Preliminary Economic assessments are preliminary in nature and include inferred resources considered too speculative geologically to have the economic considerations applied to them that would enable them to be categorized as mineral reserves. Further, mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. There is no certainty the preliminary economic assessment will be realized

**See East Africa Metals Project Resource Table attached for additional detail*

The transaction also contemplates East Africa will retain the mineral rights, and all exploration obligations for the prospective targets on its concessions but not incorporated in the Adyabo mining licenses (“EAM Mineral Resources”). East Africa shall grant Tibet Huayu a right of first refusal of reasonable duration to acquire future EAM’s Mineral Resources based on mutually agreeable terms similar to those defined by the current transaction.

Andrew Lee Smith, the Company’s CEO stated, “With the Share Purchase Agreement and Joint Venture Contract, East Africa and Tibet Huayu have agreed on terms and are now committed to closing the transaction prior to August 9, 2019, that will see the financing for the development of the Mato Bula and Da Tambuk projects finalized.”

The Harvest Project:

EAM and THM continue to develop a separate Share Purchase Agreement and Joint Venture Contract for the financing and development of the Harvest Project, located eleven kilometers east of the Adyabo Project in the Tigray Region. Negotiations are proceeding and are expected to be concluded soon.

About East Africa Metals

East Africa’s assets include four, fully permitted, development ready gold and base metal projects in Africa. Over the past seven years East Africa has been able to advance the Company’s exploration assets through the discovery phase, resource definition and permitting through to development phase at a pace that is seldom seen in emerging resource sectors. The performance of the exploration programs designed and implemented by East Africa are notable, not only due to short time-frame it has taken to achieve the milestone of this past week, but also by the extremely low discovery costs.

The Company’s mineral resources:

EAM Project Resources (Au + Au ^{eqv} Metal ounces)		
Project	Category	Au + Au ^{eqv} ounces
Adyabo Project	Indicated	446,000
	Inferred	551,000
Harvest Project	Indicated	469,000
	Inferred	426,000
Handeni Project	Indicated	721,000
	Inferred	292,000

**See East Africa Metals Project Resource Table attached for additional detail*

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

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