

East Africa Metals Inc. Announces Tailings Re-processing Operation at Magambazi Initiates

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VANCOUVER, April 9, 2021 - [East Africa Metals Inc.](#) (TSXV: EAM) (FSE: EA1) ("East Africa" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that further to its press release dated January 27, 2021, the Company has received the following update from its Tanzanian partner, PMM Mining Company Limited ("PMM").

Start-up of the tailings re-processing has begun, on schedule.

In January, PMM Mining informed EAM it had completed an engineering and metallurgical assessment of a plan to re-process existing tailings from illegal mining activities that took place between 2007 and 2016 at the Magambazi site, during which time large, active illegal mining operations extracted gold from high-grade quartz veins within the Magambazi main zone (see press release dated January 27, 2021).

During 2018, Canaco Tanzania Limited ("CTL") surveyed the volume of the tailings, which were mined from its licenses by a group of illegal miners, who were exploiting the high-grade gold veins intercepted during a drilling program conducted in its license area.

Recent stockpiled tailings have not been sampled by CTL; however, samples from the tailings taken in November 2007 indicated a significant amount of gold was unrecovered in the ore mined from Magambazi deposit.

The gold tailings contain an estimated 32,000 tonnes at undetermined grade and metallurgical recoveries. The processing flow-sheet will see the tailings re-milled to further expose remaining free gold, followed by treatment through a gravity circuit and finally through a CIP Plant (Carbon in Pulp).

*Newly installed processing Plant

Mine and Site Development

The Handeni Property - the Magambazi Mine

The Magambazi Mine:

The Magambazi Mine is located in the emerging Handeni gold district in eastern Tanzania, 180 kilometres northwest of Dar es Salaam and 140 kilometres southwest of the port city of Tanga. The Magambazi property consists of two mining licenses (which cover 9.9 square kilometres) and two prospecting licenses, for an aggregate total of approximately 93 square kilometres. An initial mineral resource estimate for Magambazi was announced on May 15, 2012 (see Canaco Resources News Release dated May 15, 2012). Using a cut-off grade of 0.5 grams per tonne gold, Magambazi is estimated to contain an indicated mineral resource of 15.2 million tonnes grading 1.48 grams per tonne gold and containing 721,300 ounces, as well as an inferred mineral resource estimate of 6.7 million tonnes grading 1.36 grams per tonne gold and containing 292,400 ounces.

The pit shells and cut-off grade of 0.50 grams per tonne gold used to calculate the maiden resource at Magambazi applied a 2012 gold price forecast of US\$1,250 per ounce.

The Magambazi Transaction:

The transaction includes:

1. During the lifetime of the mine respecting the Mining Assets, PMM will sell 30% of the Gold produced to EAM at the price of production cost plus 15% of production cost, pursuant to a Gold Purchase Agreement. Gold production costs means actual mining and milling costs as well as those associated with third party smelting, refining, transportation and royalties minus byproduct credits.
2. PMM undertakes to produce at least 10,000 ounces in the first year of commissioning of operations, 20,000 ounces in the second year, 30,000 ounces in the third year and at least 40,000 ounces per year thereafter.
3. In the event PMM does not meet the minimum production in a year, it will compensate EAM as follows: in the first year minimum production is not met PMM will pay US\$200,000; US\$400,000 in the second year; US\$600,000 in the third year; and, US\$700,000 per year for any other years' where the minimum production is not achieved.

Andrew Lee Smith, President & CEO of East Africa, commented: "The start-up of the tailings project at Magambazi is an important milestone for East Africa Metals and marks the commencement of a process that can generate revenue for the Company for the first time in 2021."

About East Africa Metals

The Company's principal assets include 30% Net Profits Interest in the Mato Bula and Da Tambuk mines (collectively "Adyabo Property") and a 70% project interest in the Harvest polymetallic VMS exploration Project in the Tigray region of Ethiopia. In addition, the Company has a 30% Net Streaming Interest ("SRI") in the Magambazi Mine in the Tanga region of Tanzania.

The Mato Bula and Da Tambuk mines are four kilometres apart and will be developed simultaneously. The development of the mining operations is scheduled to begin during the second quarter of 2021.

East Africa retains exploration rights on areas of the properties outside the Mato Bula, Da Tambuk and Terakimti mining licenses in all Ethiopian projects and anticipates the commencement of exploration drilling to test priority targets during the second quarter of calendar 2021.

EAM has invested USD\$66.8M in African exploration since 2005 and identified a total of 2.8 million ounces of gold and gold-equivalent resources representing an average discovery cost per ounce of US\$24.

The current Global Project Resources discovered by EAM include:

Project Resources (Au + Au^{eqv} Metal ounces)

Project	Category	Au +Au ^{eqv} ounces
Adyabo Project, Ethiopia	Indicated	446,000
(EAM 30% Net Profit Interest)	Inferred	551,000
Harvest Project, Ethiopia	Indicated	469,000
(EAM = 70% Project Interest)	Inferred	426,000
Handeni Project, Tanzania	Indicated	721,000
(EAM = 30% Streaming Royalty Interest)	Inferred	292,000

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

Andrew Lee Smith, P.Geo., C.E.O., a Qualified Person under the definitions of National Instrument 43-101, has reviewed and approved the technical contents of this news release.

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

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