

East Africa Metals Provides Ethiopian Update

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VANCOUVER, Nov. 30, 2021 - [East Africa Metals Inc.](#) (TSXV: EAM) ("East Africa", "EAM" or the "Company") would like to provide an update on the ongoing exploration of its gold and gold/copper/zinc projects in the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia ("Ethiopia").

Mining Licences

EAM currently has three approved Mining Agreements with Ethiopia's Ministry of Mines and Petroleum (the "Ministry"); Terakimti Oxide deposit Mining license has been issued (news release dated December 7, 2017) and Mining Agreements for Mato Bula and Da Tambuk deposits have been approved and licences issued (news release dated May 29, 2019).

All the mining licenses are currently under project development agreements.

Mato Bula and Da Tambuk transaction are under a project development agreement with Tibet Huayu Mining Co., Ltd. that has purchased a 70% interest in the Company's Mato Bula and Da Tambuk Mining Licenses by making a cash payment of US\$100M and financing 100% of the US\$88M capital costs and operating the mines. Under the agreement EAM will retain the exploration rights to all prospective mineralization on its concession areas outside of the current resource (news release dated August 29, 2019).

EAM's interest in the Harvest Project is the subject of a non-binding Letter of Intent with Zijin Mining Group Company Limited to acquire a majority ownership interest in project by making a cash payment of US\$900,000, developing and funding 100% of EAM's obligations related to the development and operation of the Harvest Project. Under the agreement EAM will retain the exploration rights to all prospective mineralization on its concession areas outside of the current resource.

Exploration and Drilling

East Africa is prepared to initiate a fully funded \$2,700,000 exploration program announced in early 2021 (see news release dated February 1, 2021), once commercial activity in the Tigray region normalizes and it recovers from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the political unrest.

EAM has completed the planning and received government approval for the \$2,700,000 exploration program (news release dated January 28, 2020) that will include diamond drilling, geophysical surveys, environmental, metallurgical studies and resource assessments. The initiation of the exploration program is expected to begin immediately after the Government declares the region ready for field operations.

EAM's management has confidence in the potential of the Company's exploration assets in the Tigray region and looks forward to continued participation in what has become an active and emerging exploration sector.

Listed below are the exploration targets that have the most potential to improve current resources and potentially increase the total resource base (news release dated May 7, 2018). Highest priority exploration targets that have potential to increase the resource base will be the focus of Phase 1 drilling.

- Halima Hill I.P. - Represents a compelling target as a large, open (to depth and southward) I.P. chargeability anomaly extending laterally 500 metres south beyond the established Mato Bula mineralization. The currently defined copper mineralization increases in silver and zinc content locally in the south region of the resource. Being an open I.P. target, this feature requires drill qualification and has potential, with mineralization identification, to represent a significant step-out to the known mineralized footprint. A key intersection in this area includes 24.50 metres grading 0.61 grams per tonne (g/t) 1.67% copper, 8.0 grams per tonne silver, and 0.96% zinc, from 204.30 metres (WMD027- news release dated June 20, 2015). Halima Hill is considered a high priority target.
- Mato Bula Central - Results from the 2017 infill drilling program identified areas of potential high grade mineralization. Further out drilling to depth in the central area of Mato Bula.
- Mato Bula North- A separate copper enriched area of the existing resource remains open laterally and to depth and requires further delineation drilling.

- Da Tambuk deposit - Infill and extension drilling required (deposit currently open to depth and south).
- Terakimti sulphide extension to depth.

Exploration Extension Rights

EAM management has been advised by the Ministry certain exploration rights in Ethiopia granted to EAM subsidiaries in 2020 have reportedly been granted to a third-party. This action by the Ministry has occurred despite these exploration rights legally held by EAM and protected by declarations of Force Majeure.

EAM has been able to confirm through Ministry records that this reported action by the Ministry does not impact any of its Mining Licenses nor does it affect exploration rights to any priority exploration targets in which EAM has an interest.

The license EL00057, purportedly granted to a third-party, includes property interests that are the subject of a valid Exploration License Period Extension Agreements (the "Exploration Rights") granted by the Ministry to Ethiopian subsidiaries of [East Africa Metals Inc.](#) ("EAM") on January 28, 2020. On May 27, 2021, the Ministry wrongly purported to terminate the License in violation of EAM's legal rights. EAM strongly disputes the validity of the Ministry's purported termination of the Exploration Rights and any subsequent grant to a third-party.

The Company has formally filed Legal Notice in compliance with the Company's rights under the Ethiopian Mining Law to continue to demand the Ministry cancel any exploration license(s) granted to third-parties in the areas previously granted to its subsidiaries and affected by force majeure events and reinstate them to EAM.

Andrew Lee Smith, CEO of East Africa Metals commented, "East Africa Metals' management and Board of Directors are surprised and disappointed by the Ministry's actions taken against the interest of EAM shareholders and all stakeholders in the Company's Ethiopian exploration projects."

The Company intends to continue to prepare a legal position and take legal action against the Ethiopian Ministry of Mines and Petroleum or companies or individuals who have benefited from this decision at a time the Company considers appropriate.

After twelve-years of investments totaling \$30M and exploration success by EAM and \$15M in funding provided to the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum by Global Affairs Canada to address issues of accountability, tenure security and transparency, EAM's management and Board of Directors fail to see how this unwarranted and regressive action by the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum discourages stakeholders or encourages investment in Ethiopia's resource sector."

About East Africa Metals

The Company's principal assets include a 30% Net Profits Interest in the Mato Bula and Da Tambuk mines (collectively "Mato Bula 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 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 mining operations are expected to be initiated immediately once commercial activity in the Tigray region normalizes and is free from the impacts of the COVID pandemic and the political unrest.

East Africa Metals retains exploration rights on areas of the properties outside the Mato Bula, Da Tambuk and Terakimti mines in all Ethiopian projects and anticipates the commencement of exploration drilling to test priority targets in the Tigray region once it is secure for commercial activity by the Ministry.

EAM has invested US\$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.

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

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