

East Africa Metals Inc.

East Africa Metals updates progress on Tanzanian hard-rock mine development

VANCOUVER, BC, Sept. 27, 2021 /CNW/ - **East Africa Metals Inc.** (TSXV: EAM) ("East Africa" or the "Company") is pleased to provide an update on the progress of the engineering work and the development plan for the hard-rock mining operation on the 1M ounce Magambazi gold deposit in Tanzania, which will ramp up as the tailings processing operations wind down.

With the successful commissioning of the tailings processing, project owner/operator PMM Mining Company Limited ("PMM") has turned its attention to the planning of the hard-rock mine development program.

Engineering work has commenced to develop detailed plans for mining operations and surface equipment installations. Once complete, the first-year production is targeted to be 10,000 ounces, scaling up to 40,000-ounces annually over a period of 48 months. This work is being completed by PPM engineers and consists of establishing a haul road to the main open pit at Magambazi South, followed by pit clearance and topsoil removal. PMM has advised EAM that grade control drilling is expected to start early next year prior to hard-rock mining.

Resource geologists and mine engineers are reviewing the existing resource in the context of processing, grade and recovery data gained from the tailings operation. This work is being completed by local geological consulting firm with in-depth experience in preparing resource estimations for Tanzanian gold projects. This work will closely study the structural controls on mineralization that appear to be an important element of the mineralizing system that were not considered in the original mineral resource disclosed by EAM in a NI 43-101 report in 2012. Other elements of the mineral resource review will include developing a new block model that incorporates rock density data from a total of 468 drill holes rather than 400 diamond drill holes reported earlier.

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

About East Africa Metals

The Company's principal assets include a 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 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 half 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 half of 2021.

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.



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 <i>(EAM 30% Net Profit Interest)</i>	Indicated	446,000
	Inferred	551,000
Harvest Project, Ethiopia <i>(EAM = 70% Project Interest)</i>	Indicated	469,000
	Inferred	426,000
Handeni Project, Tanzania <i>(EAM = 30% Streaming Royalty Interest)</i>	Indicated	721,000
	Inferred	292,000

REFERENCES

Tetra Tech (April 30,2018). *National Instrument 43-101 Technical Report and Preliminary Economic Assessment for the Mato Bula Deposit, Adyabo Property, Tigray National Regional State, Ethiopia*

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Tetra Tech (April 30,2018). *National Instrument 43-101 Technical Report and Preliminary Economic Assessment for the Terakimti Oxide Deposit, Harvest Project, Tigray National Regional State, Ethiopia*

Aurum Exploration Services (February 14, 2014). *NI43-101 Technical Report on a Mineral Resource Estimate at the Terakimti Prospect, Harvest Property (centred at 38°21'E, 14°19'N), Tigray National Region, Ethiopia*

Aurum Exploration Services (February 14, 2014). *Mineral Resource Estimate and Update to a NI43-101 Technical Report for the Handeni Property centered at 37.97°E, 5.744°S, Tanga Province, Handeni District, Tanzania*

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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of a definitive agreement with Zijin reflecting the anticipated structure and timing outlined herein; the negotiation of a definitive agreement reflecting the anticipated structure and timing outlined herein; delays with respect to required payments and regulatory approvals; results of the due diligence review; the ability of Tibet Huayu to develop and operate the Ethiopia Adyabo Project within the required laws and agreements; the ability of PMM to develop and operate the Tanzanian Magambazi Project within the required laws and agreements; recoverability of the Ethiopian and Tanzanian VAT receivable; early exploration; the ability of East Africa to identify any other corporate opportunities for the Company; the possibility that the Company may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service its planned operations and may be forced to take other options; the risk the Company may not be able to continue as a going concern; the possibility the Company will require additional financing to develop the Ethiopian Projects into a mining operation; the risks associated with obtaining necessary licenses or permits including and not limited to Ethiopian Government approval of EAM Mineral Resources extensions for the Company's Ethiopian Properties and Projects; risks associated with mineral exploration and development; metal and mineral prices; the demand for precious and base metals; availability of capital; accuracy of the Company's Projections and estimates, including the initial and any updates to the mineral resource for the Adyabo, Harvest and Handeni Projects; realization of mineral resource estimates; interest and exchange rates; competition; stock price fluctuations; the ability to carry on exploration and development activities; actual results of exploration activities; availability of drilling equipment and access; the ability to obtain qualified personnel, equipment and services in a timely and cost-efficient manner; the regulatory framework including and not limited to license approvals, social and environmental matters; the ability to operate in a safe, efficient and effective manner government regulation; political or economic developments; foreign taxation risks; environmental risks; insurance risks; capital expenditures; operating or technical difficulties in connection with development activities; personnel relations; the speculative nature of strategic metal exploration and development including the risks of contests over title to properties; and changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined, as well as those risk factors set out in the Company's filings with securities regulators. Mineral Resources, which are not Mineral Reserves, do not have demonstrated economic viability. The estimate of mineral resources may be materially affected by environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, sociopolitical, marketing, or other relevant issues. The quantity and grade of reported inferred mineral resources as the estimation is uncertain in nature and there has been insufficient exploration to define any inferred mineral resources as an indicated or measured mineral resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in upgrading inferred mineral resources to an indicated or measured mineral resource category. The contained gold, copper and silver figures shown are in situ. No assurance can be given that the estimated quantities will be produced. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking information, there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that such information will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such information. The Company does not update or revise forward looking information even if new information becomes available unless legislation requires the Company to do so. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information contained herein, except in accordance with applicable securities laws.

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