

**ASX ANNOUNCEMENT** 

31 July 2023

# **Quarterly Activities Report**

For the period ending 30 June 2023

## **Highlights**

## **Cobar Project**

### Tara

- Drilling at the Currawalla rare earths prospect on the Tara exploration licence, EL9180, commenced during the quarter with the RC holes targeting intersections of the quartz breccia unit and its footwall and hanging wall zones under and around the Currawalla mine shaft<sup>1</sup>.
- Assays from the drilling program are expected to be available in early to mid-August.
- High-grade rare earth elements (**REE**) were discovered by EMS near the Currawalla mine shaft on the Tara tenement in March 2023<sup>2</sup>.
- Mullock from the shallow shaft and nearby outcrop returned assays of up to 3.38% total rare earth oxides (TREO) associated with a quartz breccia unit that has been sampled over a strike length of more than 100 metres.
- The mine shaft, the quartz breccia unit and the zone of high-grade samples are coincident with a "bulls-eye" aeromagnetic anomaly that has been confirmed by a detailed ground magnetic survey<sup>3</sup>.
- Soil sampling program completed using a portable XRF (**pXRF**) analyser maps a zone of strong TREO readings close to the quartz breccia and the interpreted source of the magnetic anomaly.
- Soil sampling returned anomalous TREO readings broadly coincident with the possible circular or ring-like (annular) structure in the magnetics that runs to the north, west, and south of the main magnetic anomaly, and also to the south west.

# ASX: EMS

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#### CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Share Price: A\$0.055 Cash: A\$2.4M Debt: Nil Ordinary Shares: 82.4M Market Cap: A\$4.5M Enterprise Value: A\$2.1M Options: 26.6M (3years/30c) 18.3M (3years/10c)

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See EMS ASX announcement of 27 June 2023 "Commencement of Drilling Program at Currawalla"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See EMS ASX announcement of 20 March 2023 "High Grade Rare Earths at Tara".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See EMS ASX announcement of 31 May 2023 "Ground Magnetics Enhances Currawalla Rare Earths Potential".

- There is a close relationship between the highly anomalous surface samples, the quartz breccia, the source of the magnetic anomaly, and the anomalous TREO-in-soils geochemistry, and this relationship will be tested by the planned drilling program.
- Exploration Licence EL9565 Black Range (formerly ELA6600) was granted<sup>4</sup> for a three-year term.

#### **Browns Reef**

Planning for future exploration activities including a small drilling program at the Evergreen zone has progressed. No new fieldwork was carried out during the quarter.

## **Arunta Project**

#### Home of Bullion

Further analysis of the updated Mineral Resource Estimate released in the March 2023 quarter has been carried out. No new fieldwork was carried out during the quarter.

### **Thomson Project**

The Company continued with its analysis and interpretation of aeromagnetic data and previous drilling results, and made presentations to a small number of carefully selected potential joint venture partners during the quarter.

#### Corporate

- EMS announced a 1:2 non-renounceable Entitlement Offer on 5 May 2023<sup>5</sup> to raise approximately \$1.4 million if fully subscribed. The Offer closed on 9 June<sup>6</sup> and the Shortfall was placed on 29 June 2023<sup>7</sup> with the total amount raised being approximately \$1.4 million before costs. The raising was supported by major shareholders and Directors. Veritas Securities Limited was Lead Manager for the Offer.
- Approximately \$2.4 million in cash as of 30 June 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See EMS ASX announcement of 29 June 2023 "Placement of Rights Issue Shortfall".



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See EMS ASX announcement of 15 May 2023 "Grant of Black Range Exploration Licence".

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See EMS ASX announcement of 5 May 2023 "Non-renounceable Entitlement Offer to Raise Approximately \$1.4 Million".
<sup>6</sup> See EMS ASX announcement of 6 June 2023 "Non-renounceable Entitlement Issue to Close on 9 June 2023".

Eastern Metals Limited (**ASX: EMS**) ("**Eastern Metals**", or "the **Company**") is pleased to release its quarterly report for the period ending 30 June 2023.

# **Exploration Update**

# **Cobar Project**

During the quarter, Eastern Metals continued exploration activities at the Tara exploration licence EL9180 within the Cobar Project which commenced in March 2023. This work included sampling of outcrops and mullock dumps at the Currawalla mine, located towards the southeastern corner of the tenement. Laboratory analysis of samples collected returned highly anomalous TREO assays including one sample which assayed 3.38% TREO and 1.39% lead. Following the discovery of rare earths on the Tara tenement, the Company has taken out an adjoining tenement, EL9565 Black Range, that adjoins the Tara licence area. The locations of these tenements and the Company's other tenements in the Cobar basin are shown in Figure 1.

## **Tara Project**

The Tara tenement, EL 9180, is the northern-most exploration licence held by Eastern Metals in the Cobar basin. It is located 120 kilometres south of Cobar and 80 kilometres north of EMS's flagship Browns Reef polymetallic project, west of Lake Cargelligo. Tara consists of 122 graticular units and covers approximately 353 square kilometres.

The Tara exploration licence is largely underlain by the Erimeran Granite in the Rast Trough of the Cobar basin. The Silurian Erimeran Granite is a cordierite-biotite granite and monzogranite with minor rhyolite intrusions. In the south-eastern corner of the tenement the Urambie Granodiorite, a Silurian intrusive related to the Erimeran Granite, abuts the Early Ordovician Abercrombie Formation, a mica-quartz sandstone, interbedded with laminated siltstone and mudstone, which is overlain by the Late Ordovician Bendoc Group Currawalla Shale.

No economic mineral deposits are known within Tara, but there are at least two old groups of mine workings or diggings developed on mineralised shows. These are the Currawalla mine and the Tara prospect.

The location of the Company's Tara exploration licence and its relationship to the Company's other tenements in the Cobar basin, and other mines and advanced prospects held by others in the area, is shown in Figure 1.



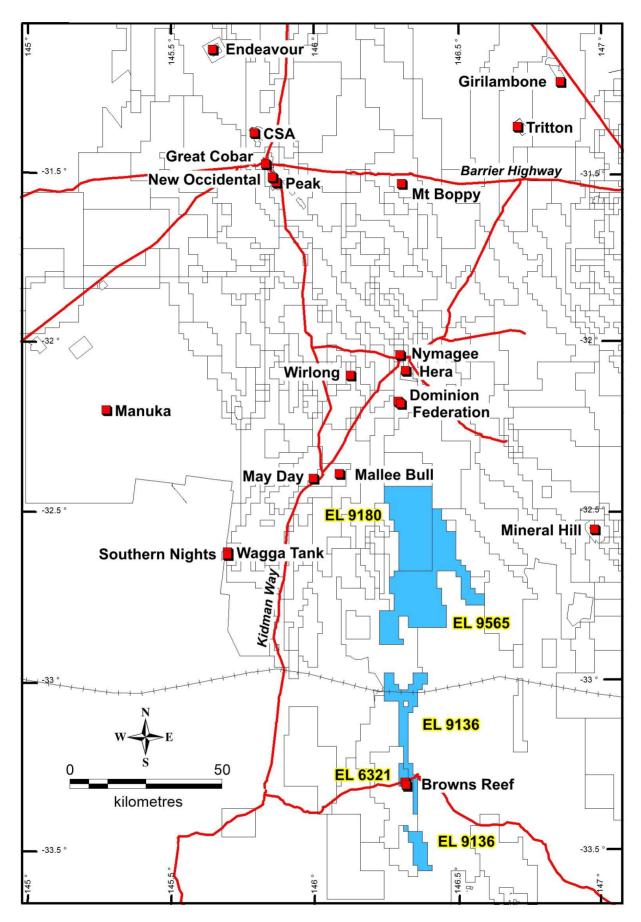


Figure 1. Locations of the Company's tenements in the Cobar basin



## The Currawalla Mine

The Currawalla Mine lies in the southeastern corner of EL9180. It consists of a timber lined shaft, now in very poor condition, approximately 1 metre square to a depth of about 4 metres. Mullock from the shaft lies in dumps near the shaft. The shaft is at the southwestern end of an outcropping quartz breccia that extends for some 400 metres to the northeast. The quartz breccia lies near the contact between the Silurian Urambie Granodiorite and the Ordovician basement metasediments. It's likely that the shaft and pits were historically developed for exploration purposes by prospectors, who were looking for gold and/or base metals, but certainly not for REEs. The Company's sampling of mullock and outcrop along this unit returned laboratory assays of up to 3.38% TREO.

A ground magnetic survey was completed by the Company near the Currawalla mine to better define an aeromagnetic anomaly that was known to exist over the prospect area. This work, which covered approximately 25 hectares, showed that there is a very clear spatial association between the shaft, the samples carrying high TREOs, and the magnetic anomaly.

A soil sampling program was also completed over an area broadly similar to that covered by the Company's ground magnetic survey. The survey was carried out using a SciApps XR555 portable XRF instrument with readings taken on a 25 metre by 25 metre grid. This instrument has the capability of detecting most REEs as well as a suite of other elements including certain base and precious metals. Co-ordinates for each sample location were recorded using the HandyGPSlite application on an Apple iPhone 13 Pro.

Highly anomalous TREO readings were recorded near the quartz breccia and the interpreted source of the ground magnetic anomaly. Weaker, though still distinctly anomalous, results were observed in the area broadly coincident with the possible circular or ring-like (annular) structure in the magnetics that runs to the north, west, and south of the main magnetic anomaly, and also to the southwest of the main magnetic anomaly.

An RC drilling program was designed to intersect the quartz breccia unit and its footwall and hanging wall zones under and around the Currawalla mine shaft, where high-grade rare-earth assays have been returned from surface and mullock sampling, as well the soil geochemistry anomalies, in this area. The drill holes were also designed to test the source of the magnetic anomaly which is virtually coincident with the quartz breccia.



Drilling at Currawalla commenced late in the quarter. The program was completed in July. Samples have been sent for assay and results are expected in early to mid-August.

Figure 2 shows the ground magnetic anomaly, the REE soil sampling results, and the outcropping quartz breccia unit.

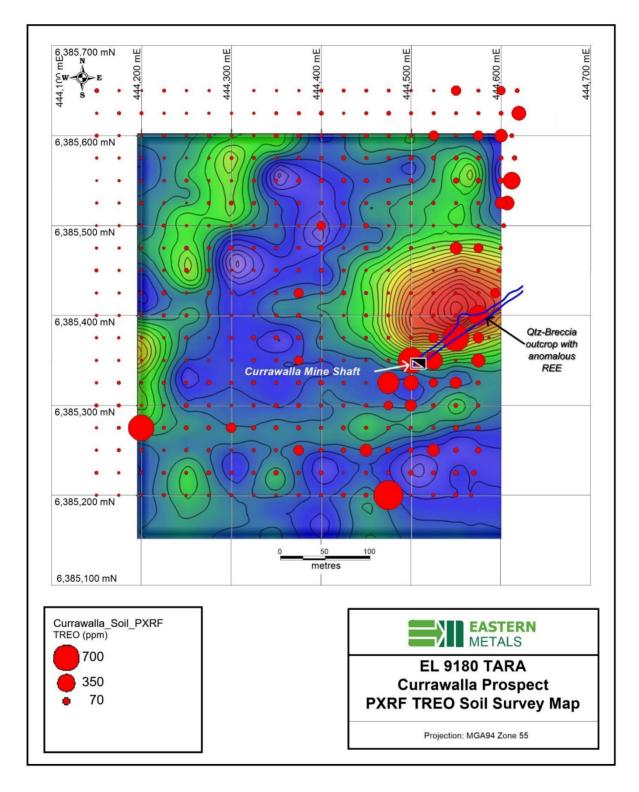


Figure 2. Ground magnetics, REE soil sampling results, and the outcropping quartz breccia unit



### EL9565 Black Range

Exploration Licence EL9565 Black Range (formerly ELA6600) was granted to the Company during the quarter, for a three-year term. The new licence abuts the Company's EL9180 Tara to the south and east and was applied for to secure vacant ground near the Currawalla mine site.

As well as covering formerly vacant ground to the east and south of the Currawalla mine, this new tenement covers nearby geological environments thought to be similar to that at Currawalla. This tenement covers 186 graticular units or approximately 540 square kilometres. It is the Company's largest tenement in the Cobar Basin. The location of the tenement is shown in Figure 1.

#### **Browns Reef**

Browns Reef is a polymetallic lode of largely stratabound base metal sulphide mineralisation developed in the Late Silurian Preston formation, 5 kilometres west of Lake Cargelligo in the Cobar basin. It is on EL6351. The mineralisation lies above a hydrothermal breccia unit and closely follows a structure known as the Woorara fault. The mineralisation is known to have a strike length of at least 6 kilometres. The central 2.7-kilometre zone has been drilled in some detail in the past. Eastern Metals has to date focussed on a higher-grade area known as the Evergreen zone and intends to do more exploration drilling here, including a small drilling program in FY24. Exploration will also be focussed on another higher-grade area known as the Pineview zone, when access is secured.

## **Arunta Project**

The Arunta Project consists of two groups of tenements. These are the Neutral Junction tenement block, and the Adnera Hill block.

The Neutral Junction block consists of ELs 23186 *Barrow Creek*, 28615 *Donkey Creek*, and 32027 *Home of Bullion*. The Adnera Hill tenement block consists of ELs 24253 *Neutral Junction*, 29475 *Adnera*, 30797 *Ooralingie* and 31292 *Buggy Camp*, known collectively as the *Adnera Hill Tenement Block*.

The Company's Home of Bullion copper mine lies in the Neutral Junction block. Parts of the Neutral Junction block also lie within a defined geological province known as the Barrow Creek pegmatite field.

The locations of these tenements are shown in Figure 3.



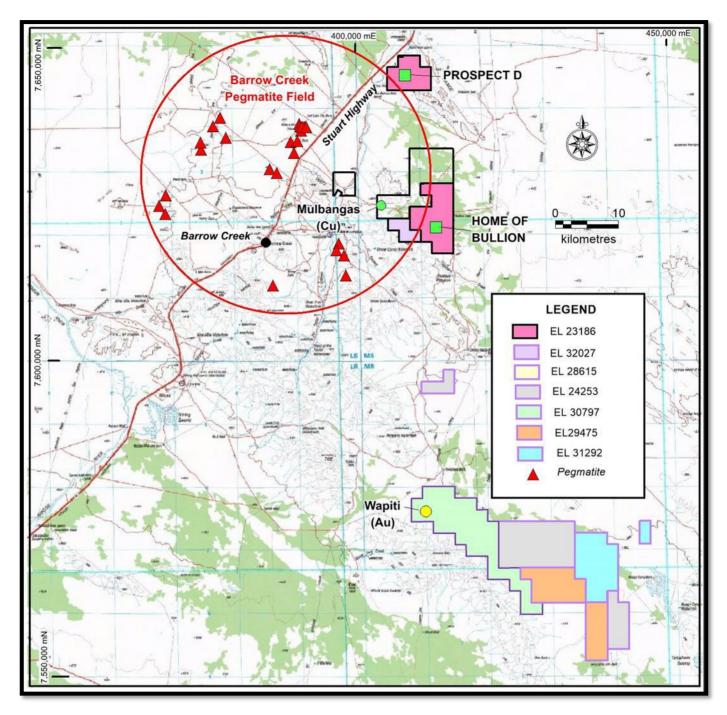


Figure 3. Location of the Company's Arunta Project tenements in the Northern Territory

## Home of Bullion Copper Mine

An updated Mineral Resource Estimate for the Home of Bullion copper mine on EL23186 was released by the Company in the March quarter. Further analysis of this resource estimate has been carried out, but no fieldwork was conducted during the quarter.



## Lithium Exploration in the Neutral Junction Block

No work was conducted during the quarter.

## **Exploration in the Adnera Block**

No work was conducted during the quarter

# **Thomson Project**

The Thomson Project consists of two exploration licences in north-western New South Wales, ELs 9194 *Harrier*, and 9190 *Falcon*. Their locations are shown in Figure 4.

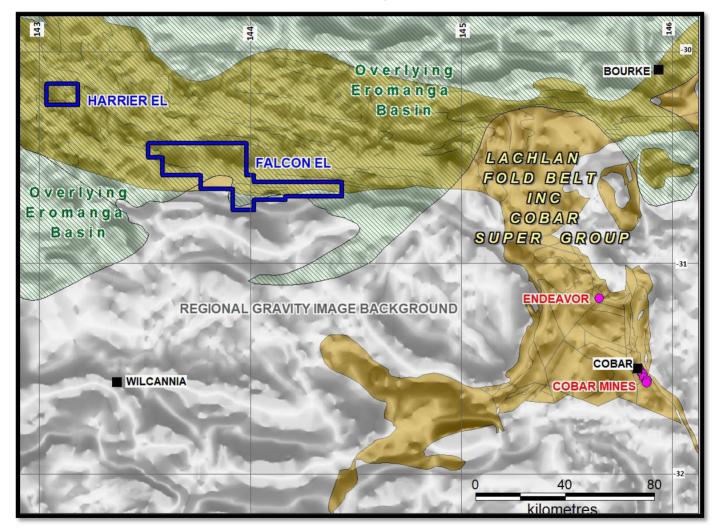


Figure 4. Locations of the Company's Thomson project tenements

Eastern Metals' exploration targets within the Thomson Project tenements are copper-gold and lead-zincsilver deposits similar to the Great Cobar and CSA copper-gold mines, and the Endeavor lead zinc mine.



These types of deposits are generally steeply dipping, or pipe-like, with little surface geological or geochemical expression.

These ore systems typically contain magnetic material, mainly the iron-sulphide mineral pyrrhotite, and can be identified using ground or airborne magnetic surveys.

The Company completed additional interpretation of available Thomson project aeromagnetic data during the quarter and made presentations to a selected group of potential joint venture partners.

# Corporate

## Non-renounceable Entitlement Offer

Late in the quarter, the Company commenced and subsequently finalised a non-renounceable entitlement issue to Eligible Shareholders of one New Share for every two Shares held on the Record Date (maximum aggregate of 27,475,415 New Shares) at an issue price of A\$0.05 per New Share to raise approximately \$1.4 million before costs if fully subscribed, together with a free unlisted New Option for every two New Shares acquired, exercisable at A\$0.10, expiring 3 years after the Closing Date, unless previously exercised.

The Entitlement Issue closed on 9 June 2023 and the Shortfall was fully placed on 29 June. A total of approximately 27.5 million new shares were issued, which increased the number of voting shares on issue to approximately 82.4 million.

The Entitlement Issue was supported by major shareholders and Directors of EMS.

Veritas Securities Limited was Lead Manager for the rights issue.



# **Financial Overview**

The Company's cash balance at 30 June 2023 was \$2.36 million.

Use of funds during the June 2023 quarter and previous two quarters, and a comparison with expected expenditure as set out in the Company's 2021 IPO prospectus, are shown in the following table:

		Jun-22	Jun-23	Jun-23
Use of Funds	Estimates <sup>8</sup>			Balance: Under /
		YTD	YTD	(Over)
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Exploration (2 years)	3,871	(1,773)	(1,697)	401
Tenement Deposits	-	(77)	(10)	(87)
Operating expenses	1,091	(589)	(1,113)	(611)
Working capital	347	-	-	347
Fixed asset purchases	-	(61)	(3)	(64)
Cost of capital raisings	691	(491)	(80)	120
Total use of funds	6,000	(2,991)	(2,903)	106
Cash Movements				
Cash on hand - beginning of the period		381	3,886	381
Proceeds from Rights Issue		-	1,374	1,374
Proceeds from converting note		500	-	500
Share subscriptions received		6,000	-	6,000
Repayment of advance by a related party		(4)	-	(4)
Use of funds		(2,991)	(2,903)	(5,894)
Cash on hand - end of period	-	3,886	2,357	2,357

<sup>8</sup> Refer the Company's Prospectus dated 18 August 2021.



## **Exploration Expenditure Summary**

During the quarter ended 30 June 2023, Eastern Metal's cash expenditure for exploration & evaluation totalled \$85,000<sup>9</sup> and consisted of:

	Current quarter \$000	Year to date (12 months) \$000
Assay & storage	(1)	(20)
Compensation/Access	(29)	(56)
Consulting and Wages	(87)	(513)
Consumables	(1)	(19)
Drilling	-	(818)
Equipment hire and running costs	(10)	(44)
Geophysics	-	(45)
Maps/Data/Photos	-	(7)
Other	79	66
Site rehabilitation	-	(56)
Tenure	(30)	(135)
Travel and accommodation	(6)	(50)
Total	(85)	(1,697)

Full details of exploration activity during the quarter are set out in this report.

There were no mining production and development activities during the quarter.

## Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates

During the quarter ended 30 June 2023, the aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates totalled \$102,625, consisting of director's salary and directors' fees.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates totals \$102,625, consisting of directors' fees (including GST), including \$53,375 payable at 31 March 2023 and paid during the 30 June 2023 quarter. Refer Items 6.1 and 6.2 of Eastern Metals' Appendix 5B Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report to 30 June 2023.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Refer Item 1.2(a) of Eastern Metals' Appendix 5B Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report to 30 June 2023.

EL Number	EL Name	Current	Area	Area (km <sup>2)</sup>	EMS	Expiry
		Area	Blocks /	(approx)	Interest	Date
			Units			
Arunta Proje	ect, NT					
Neutral Junc	tion Area					
EL 23186	Barrow Creek	28	Blocks	89.3	100.0%	14-Jul-24
EL 28615	Donkey Creek	4	Blocks	13.0	100.0%	31-Oct-23
EL 32027	Home of Bullion	25	Blocks	81.3	100.0%	24-Jul-25
Adnera Hill /	Area					
EL 24253	Neutral Junction	41	Blocks	75.1	75.1%	6-Apr-25
EL 29475	Adnera	25	Blocks	81.3	100.0%	14-Jan-25
EL 30797	Ooralingie	38	Blocks	123.5	100.0%	11-Nov-23
EL 31292	Buggy Camp	22	Blocks	71.5	100.0%	12-Jan-25
Cobar Projec	<u>ct, NSW</u>					
EL 6321	Browns Reef	10	Units	28.7	100.0%	19-Oct-28
EL 9180	Tara	122	Units	352.9	100.0%	21-May-24
EL 9565	Black Range	186	Units	540.0	100.0%	03-May-26
EL 9136	Bothrooney	84	Units	241.2	100.0%	15-Apr-24
Thomson Pr	oject, NSW					
EL 9194	Harrier	54	Units	160.1	100.0%	7-Jun-26
EL 9190	Falcon	437	Units	1,290.9	100.0%	7-Jun-23
Totals				3,148.8		

## Eastern Metals' Tenement Schedule as of 30 June 2023

**Note 1:** EL 22253 is held by Mithril Resources Limited (ASX: MTH). The 75.14% interest held by EMS is pursuant to a Joint Venture Agreement dated 26 April 2011 between Mithril, Mega Hindmarsh Pty Ltd and Bowgan Minerals whose interest has been assigned to EMS.

**Note 2:** A renewal application for EL9190 Falcon was lodged prior to its expiry. This licence is still current and will remain in good standing until dealt with by the regulator. The area to be retained is smaller than that shown in the above table and in Figure 4. **Note 3:** EL 9565 was granted during the quarter. There were no tenements disposed during the quarter.



## **Previously Reported Information**

The information in this announcement references previously reported announcements. The announcements are available to view on the Company's website (<u>www.easternmetals.com.au</u>) and on the ASX website (<u>www.asx.com.au</u>). The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the previous announcements and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the exploration results continue to apply and have not materially changed.

## Authorisation for this Announcement

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Company's Disclosure Officers in accordance with its Disclosure and Communications Policy which is available on the Company's website, <u>www.easternmetals.com.au</u>

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# Appendix 5B

# Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

Name of entity

### EASTERN METALS LIMITED (Company)

ABN 29 643 902 943

Quarter ended ("current quarter")

30 June 2023

Cons	olidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter	Year to date (12 months)
		\$A'000	
1.	Cash flows from operating activities		
1.1	Receipts from customers	-	
1.2	Payments for		
	(a) exploration & evaluation $^{1}$	(85)	(1,697
	(b) development	-	
	(c) production	-	
	(d) staff costs	(229)	(529
	(e) administration and corporate costs	(76)	(543
1.3	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	
1.4	Interest received	9	9
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid	-	
1.6	Income taxes paid	-	
Item	1.2 (a) Payments for exploration & evaluation:		
nom	Assay & storage	(1)	(20

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Compensation/Access	(29)	(56)
Consulting and Wages	(87)	(513)
Consumables	(1)	(19)
Drilling	-	(818)
Equipment hire and running costs	(10)	(44)
Geophysics	-	(45)
Maps/Data/Photos	-	(7)
Other	79	66
Site rehabilitation	-	(56)
Tenure	(30)	(135)
Travel and accommodation	(6)	(50)
Total	(85)	(1,697)

#### Appendix 5B Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

Cons	olidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter	Year to date (12 months)	
		\$A'000	\$A'000	
1.7	Government grants and tax incentives	-	-	
1.8	Other (provide details if material)	-	-	
1.9	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	(381)	(2,760)	
2.	Cash flows from investing activities			
2.1	Payments to acquire or for:			
	(a) entities	-	-	
	(b) tenements	(10)	(60)	
	(c) property, plant and equipment	-	(3)	
	(d) exploration & evaluation	-	-	
	(e) investments	-	-	
	(f) other non-current assets	-	-	
2.2	Proceeds from the disposal of:			
	(a) entities	-	-	
	(b) tenements	-	-	
	(c) property, plant and equipment	-	-	
	(d) investments	-	-	
	(e) other non-current assets	-	-	
2.3	Cash flows from loans to other entities	-	-	
2.4	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-	
2.5	Other (provide details if material)	-	-	
2.6	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities	(10)	(63)	
3.	Cash flows from financing activities			
	-			
3.1	Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)	1,374	1,374	
3.2	Proceeds from issue of convertible debt securities	-	-	
3.3	Proceeds from exercise of options	-	-	
3.4	Transaction costs related to issues of equity securities or convertible debt securities	(80)	(80)	
3.5	Proceeds from borrowings	-	-	
3.6	Repayment of borrowings	-	-	
3.7	Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	-	-	
3.8	Dividends paid	-	-	
3.9	Other (provide details if material)	-	-	
3.10	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities	1,294	1,294	

#### Appendix 5B Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

Cons	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter	er Year to date (12 months)	
		\$A'000	\$A'000	
4.	Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period			
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,454	3,886	
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	(381)	(2,760)	
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	(10)	(63)	
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	1,294	1,294	
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	-	-	
4.6	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	2,357	2,357	

5.	<b>Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents</b> at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts	Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1	Bank balances	1,357	1,454
5.2	Call deposits	1,000	-
5.3	Bank overdrafts	-	-
5.4	Other (provide details)	-	-
5.5	Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)	2,357	1,454

6.	Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates	Current quarter \$A'000	
6.1	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 1 <sup>2</sup>	103	
6.2	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2	-	
Note:	Note: if any amounts are shown in items 6.1 or 6.2, your quarterly activity report must include a		

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7.	<b>Financing facilities</b> Note: the term "facility' includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity. Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the sources of finance available to the entity.	Total facility amount at quarter end \$A'000	Amount drawn at quarter end \$A'000
7.1	Loan facilities	-	-
7.2	Credit standby arrangements	-	-
7.3	Other (please specify)	-	-
7.4	Total financing facilities	-	-
7.5	Unused financing facilities available at qua	arter end	-
7.6	Include in the box below a description of each rate, maturity date and whether it is secured of facilities have been entered into or are proposi include a note providing details of those facilit	or unsecured. If any add sed to be entered into af	tional financing
	Not applicable: Nil		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates totals \$102,625, consisting of directors' fees (including GST), including \$53,375 payable at 31 March 2023 and paid during the 30 June 2023 quarter.

#### Appendix 5B Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

8.	Estim	ated cash available for future operating activities	\$A'000
8.1	Net ca	ash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9)	(381)
8.2		tents for exploration & evaluation classified as investing less (item $2.1(d)$ )	-
8.3	Total r	elevant outgoings (item 8.1 + item 8.2)	(381)
8.4	Cash a	and cash equivalents at quarter end (item 4.6)	2,357
8.5	Unuse	ed finance facilities available at quarter end (item 7.5)	-
8.6	Total a	available funding (item 8.4 + item 8.5)	2,357
8.7	Estim item 8	ated quarters of funding available (item 8.6 divided by 3.3)	6.19
	answe	if the entity has reported positive relevant outgoings (ie a net ca er item 8.7 as "N/A". Otherwise, a figure for the estimated quarte be included in item 8.7.	
8.8	If item	8.7 is less than 2 quarters, please provide answers to the follow	ving questions:
	8.8.1 Does the entity expect that it will continue to have the current level of net operatir cash flows for the time being and, if not, why not?		evel of net operating
	Answe	er: Not applicable – Item 8.7 is greater than 2 quarters.	
	8.8.2 Has the entity taken any steps, or does it propose to take any steps, to raise furthe cash to fund its operations and, if so, what are those steps and how likely does it believe that they will be successful?		
		Answer: Not applicable – Item 8.7 is greater than 2 quarters.	
	8.8.3	Does the entity expect to be able to continue its operations an objectives and, if so, on what basis?	d to meet its business
	Answe	er: Not applicable – Item 8.7 is greater than 2 quarters.	
	Note:	where item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, all of questions 8.8.1, 8.8 must be answered.	8.2 and 8.8.3 above

#### **Compliance statement**

- 1 This statement has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and policies which comply with Listing Rule 19.11A.
- 2 This statement gives a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Date: 31 July 2023

Authorised by: Company's Disclosure Officers<sup>3</sup> (Name of body or officer authorising release – see note 4)

ASX Listing Rules Appendix 5B (17/07/20) + See chapter 19 of the ASX Listing Rules for defined terms.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In accordance with its Disclosure and Communications Policy which is available on the Company's website, <u>www.easternmetals.com.au</u>

#### Notes

- 1. This quarterly cash flow report and the accompanying activity report provide a basis for informing the market about the entity's activities for the past quarter, how they have been financed and the effect this has had on its cash position. An entity that wishes to disclose additional information over and above the minimum required under the Listing Rules is encouraged to do so.
- 2. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the definitions in, and provisions of, *AASB 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources* and *AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows* apply to this report. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with other accounting standards agreed by ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 19.11A, the corresponding equivalent standards apply to this report.
- 3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.
- 4. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the board". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a committee of your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the [name of board committee eg Audit and Risk Committee]". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a disclosure committee, you can insert here: "By the Disclosure Committee".
- 5. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors and you wish to hold yourself out as complying with recommendation 4.2 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*, the board should have received a declaration from its CEO and CFO that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained, that this report complies with the appropriate accounting standards and gives a true and fair view of the cash flows of the entity, and that their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.