

ASX / Media Announcement

30 April 2012



Auction of Forfeited Shares

East Coast Minerals NL (ASX Code: ECM) advises as follows in connection with the forfeiture and auction of partly paid shares:

- 1 since announcing the forfeiture of partly paid shares on which calls remain unpaid (forfeited shares) no shareholder has redeemed its shares by paying the unpaid calls;
- 2 accordingly, as at 5.00pm on 30 April 2012, payment had not been received in relation to 40,444,350 forfeited shares;
- 3 these shares will be sold by auction at 10.00am on 1 May 2012 at the Australian Securities Exchange, Exchange Centre, 20 Bridge Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000. The auction will be conducted in accordance with the attached Conditions of Auction; and
- 4 results of the auction will be announced by no later than midday on 2 May 2012.

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About East Coast Minerals

East Coast Minerals is an Australian-based exploration and mining company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: ECM) and the Open Market of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (Symbol: 9EC, ISIN: AU000000ECM6, WKN: 863804). ECM has been listed on the Australian Stock Exchange since 1970.

About ECM's Wolfsberg Lithium Project (80% ownership)

ECM's Austrian Lithium Project, which going forward the Company will be referring to as the Wolfsberg Lithium Project, is located in Carinthia, 270 km south of Vienna (Figure 1). The Project is 20 km from Wolfsberg, an industrial town.

The Project is pegmatite-hosted and has an inferred JORC resource of **18 million tonnes grading 1.6% Lithium Oxide** (Li_2O).

It is estimated that over €8 million has been spent on the Project to date, primarily by the Austrian Government in the 1980s. This work included more than 16,000 metres of drilling, metallurgical and processing studies, 1,389 metres of underground decline and trial mining. Despite the extensive work undertaken on the Project, the mine was not put into production at the time due to the then modest lithium price. With lithium now firmly established as a metal of strategic importance, ECM intends to fast-track the development of the Wolfsberg Lithium Project using established Australian underground bulk-mining techniques.

The Wolfsberg Lithium Project benefits from valid Exploration and Mining Licences. It is close to existing infrastructure and centrally located in Europe. It is considered to be of strategic importance to European manufacturers, and in the view of the Company has the potential to deliver substantial shareholder wealth in both the short and the medium term.

About ECM's Elizabeth Hill Silver Mine (100% ownership)

Silver was mined by ECM and Legend Mining from the Elizabeth Hill underground mine between 1998 and 2000. 16,800 tonnes of ore grading 2,100 g/t silver (70 oz/t) were mined to produce 1,170,000 ounces of silver. A shallow resource of 7,000 tonnes grading 700 g/t silver (22 oz/t) for 157,000 ounces remains.

More information: www.eastcoastminerals.com

Competent Persons Statement

The information in this report that relates to exploration results is based on information compiled by Ed Mead who is a member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and is a former Director of East Coast Minerals. Mr Mead has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Ed Mead consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on their information in the form and context in which it appears.



Figure 1: Austrian Lithium Project Location