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FORFEITED PARTLY PAID SHARES

HIGHLIGHTS

- 40.4 million Partly Paid shares have been forfeited
- Advertisement for auction to be held on 1 May 2012 has been placed

East Coast Minerals NL (ECM) announces that the invitation to the Partly Paid Shareholders to pay the outstanding 6 cents per share closed on Wednesday, 11th April 2012 and as a result there were 40,463,200 Partly Paid shares not paid up. As previously noted, the forfeited Partly Paid shares will be auctioned on 1 May 2012.

Figure 1 sets out the advertisement that was placed in the Australian Financial Review today.

Figure 1

Further details of the auction will be made available as soon as they come to hand.

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East Coast Minerals Auction of Partly Paid Shares

This is to advise that East Coast Minerals NL ABN 82 000 738 885 (ASX Market Code: ECM) will be auctioning all its partly paid shares on which calls remain unpaid on Tuesday, 1 May 2012 at the Australian Securities Exchange, Exchange Centre, 20 Bridge Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000 commencing at 10am. As at the date of this notice, calls remain unpaid on 40,463,200 shares.

For those interested in acquiring the forfeited Partly Paid Shares, it is anticipated that shares will be sold in lots of approximately 700,000 shares each. The successful bidder at the auction will need to pay for the purchase of their shares immediately after the auction or, if the purchaser chooses, on the next day on which banks are open for business.

The proceeds from the auction will be paid to ECM who in turn will use the funds to meet the cost of the auction and the balance will be used as working capital. Should the amount raised exceed 6 cents per share, then the excess will be paid to the shareholder who forfeited their shares.

For each successful lot purchased, listed ECM ordinary shares will be issued to the successful bidder.



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).

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 2). 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 2: Austrian Lithium Project Location