

# Development Construction Commences on EMX's Balya Royalty Property

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Vancouver, February 11, 2021 - [EMX Royalty Corp.](#) (NYSE American: EMX) (TSXV: EMX) (the "Company" or "EMX") is pleased to announce the commencement of development construction on its Balya lead-zinc-silver royalty property in western Turkey. Operating partner Esan Eczacıbaşı Endüstriyel Hammaddeler San. ve Tic. A.Ş. ("Esan") has informed EMX that it has commenced construction of a 4,900 meter decline and expects commercial production from the property to begin as early as Q4, 2021. These developments represent a key milestone for EMX, as Balya is an organically generated royalty property. EMX originally acquired the mineral rights to the Balya project via its exploration programs in Turkey, and then subsequently sold the project to a partner company for further advancement and development with EMX retaining a royalty interest.

Balya Royalty Property, Turkey. EMX retains a 4% net smelter return ("NSR") royalty on its Balya royalty property, which is situated in the historic Balya mining district of northwestern Turkey. Mining at Balya has taken place since antiquity, with several generations of historic operations. The district contains extensive zones of carbonate replacement style ("CRD") lead-zinc-silver mineralization in addition to skarn and more copper-rich styles of mineralization developed at depth.

Esan acquired the EMX royalty property at the end of 2019 (See EMX news release dated January 7, 2020), and is a private Turkish company that operates 40 mines and eight processing plants. Most importantly, Esan operates a lead-zinc mine and flotation mill on the property immediately adjacent to EMX's Balya royalty property. The Hastanetepe lead-zinc-silver polymetallic deposit on EMX's royalty property will be called the Balya North Deposit ("Balya North") from this point forward (see Figure 1).

Esan completed a 22,230 meter drill program in 2020 in order to update its exploration model and to also test for projections of mineralization at deeper levels in the system. This program was successful, and Esan has since notified EMX that it has started development of the 4,900 meter decline, which will reach its intended final depth in approximately two and a half years. However, Esan has also advised EMX that commercial production from "run of mine" material is anticipated in Q4, 2021 as development of the decline proceeds and encounters lead-zinc-silver mineralized bodies along its path. The decline will have dimensions of 5 meters by 5 meters, with a downward slope averaging 14%, which will reach a total depth of approximately 650 meters.

While development work on the decline proceeds, Esan will continue its exploration drilling, with 60,000 meters expected to be drilled in 2021. This work will continue to refine the current exploration models and also continue testing deeper levels in the system.

EMX congratulates Esan on its progress and looks forward to additional updates as work advances.

Dr. Eric P. Jensen, CPG, a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 and employee of the Company, has reviewed, verified and approved the disclosure of the technical information contained in this news release.

About EMX. EMX is a precious and base metals royalty company. EMX's investors are provided with discovery, development, and commodity price optionality, while limiting exposure to risks inherent to operating companies. The Company's common shares are listed on the NYSE American Exchange and the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol EMX. Please see [www.EMXroyalty.com](http://www.EMXroyalty.com) for more information.

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Figure 1. Location of Balya North zone (formerly the Hastanetepe zone) and drill holes plotted according to ZnEq% grade x thickness.

To view an enhanced version of Figure 1, please visit:  
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Comments on Sampling, Assaying, QA/QC, Grade x Thickness Calculation, and Adjacent Properties. Esan's Balya drill samples were collected in accordance with industry standard best practices. The samples were submitted to ALS laboratories in Izmir, Turkey and Vancouver, Canada (ISO 9001:2000 and 17025:2005 accredited) for sample preparation and analysis. Elemental concentrations were determined by four acid digestion and ICP MS/AES techniques. Over-limit analyses are performed by atomic absorption, and in some cases (>30% Pb and >30% Zn) by volumetric titration techniques. Esan performed routine QA/QC analyses

on their assay results, including the utilization of certified reference materials, blanks, and duplicate samples.

\* Grade x Thickness (ZnEq x meters) calculated from intervals > 2% ZnEq. ZnEq calculated as  $Zn\% + Pb\%(0.8182) + Ag\text{ g/t}(0.03367)$ , and assumes that recoveries and net smelter returns are 100%. Assumed metal prices are \$1.10/lb for Zn, \$0.90/lb for Pb, and \$25.40/oz for Ag. True widths vary from 60-95% of the drill intercepts.

Esan's project provides context for EMX's Balya royalty property, which occurs in a similar geologic setting. However, this is not necessarily indicative that Balya hosts mineralization with similar tonnages or grades.

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