

Kennecott Commences Diamond Drilling at the New York Canyon Copper Property, NV

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VANCOUVER, April 8, 2021 - [Emgold Mining Corp.](#) (TSX.V:EMR)(OTC PINK:EGMCF) (FRA:EMLM) (BSE:EMLM) ("Emgold" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that Kennecott Exploration Company ("KEX"), a subsidiary of Rio Tinto plc (RIO), has commenced diamond drilling at the New York Canyon Copper Property, Nevada (the "Property"). The Property is subject to an Earn-In with Option to Joint Venture Agreement (the "Agreement") between Emgold and KEX.

The Property consists of 417 unpatented claims and 21 patented claims totaling approximately 8,700 acres. It is in the Santa Fe Mining District, Mineral County, in west-central Nevada, about 30 mi. (48 km) from the town of Hawthorne. The Property hosts copper oxide and sulfide skarn and porphyry mineralization. Total historic drilling on the Property, to date, is 234 holes totaling about 139,000 ft. (43,000 m).

Kennecott can earn up to a 75% interest in the Property by completing up to US\$22.5 million in exploration expenditures (see Emgold's February 11, 2020 press release available at www.emgold.com or under Emgold's corporate filings at www.sedar.com for more details). Under the terms of the Agreement, KEX has a First Option to acquire a 55% undivided interest in the Property by incurring US\$5.0 million in expenditures over a 5-year period, of which US\$1.0 million is a committed expenditure that must be completed prior to the 18-month anniversary of the Agreement.

The drilling contractor mobilized to the site on March 22nd. Current plans are to drill five diamond drill holes to test three exploration targets, the Copper Queen, Longshot Ridge, and Ideal targets. The Ideal target is a previously untested magnetic anomaly that is located south of Copper Queen. Initial plans are for four holes to be in the 400-500 m length and one hole to be 750 m in length. Hole lengths will be subject to adjustment based on results being obtained in the field as the drilling is being done.

A UAV magnetic survey has also commenced over a portion of the claim block. Additional geologic mapping and surface sampling is planned for second and third quarters of 2021.

Qualified Person

Robert Pease, C.P.G., a qualified person under the NI 43-101 instrument, has reviewed and approved the content of this press release.

About Emgold

Emgold is a gold and base metal exploration company focused on Nevada and Quebec. The Company's strategy is to look for quality acquisitions, add value to these assets through exploration, and monetize them through sale, joint ventures, option, royalty, and other transactions to create value for our shareholders (acquisition and divestiture (A&D) business model).

In Nevada, Emgold's Golden Arrow Property, the core asset of the Company, is an advanced stage gold and silver property with a well-defined measured and indicated resource. New York Canyon is a base metal property subject to an Earn-in with Option to Joint Venture Agreement with Kennecott Exploration, a subsidiary of Rio Tinto Plc (RIO). The Mindora Property is a gold, silver, and base metal property located 12 miles from New York Canyon. Buckskin Rawhide East is a gold and silver property leased to Rawhide Mining LLC, operators of the adjacent Rawhide Mine.

In Quebec, the Casa South Property, is an early-stage gold property adjacent to Hecla Mining Corporation's

(HL) operating Casa Berardi Mine. The East-West Property is a gold property adjacent to and on strike with Wesdome Gold Mine Ltd.'s (TWDO) Kiena Complex and O3 Mining Corporation's (OIII) Malarctic Property (Marban Project). Emgold also has a 1% NSR in the Troilus North Property, part of the Troilus Mine Property being explored by Troilus Gold Corporation (TLG).

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