



NEWS RELEASE

EMX Royalty Announces Closing of Koonenberry Exploration and Option Agreement

Vancouver, British Columbia, September 19, 2017 (TSX Venture: EMX; NYSE American: EMX) – **EMX Royalty Corporation** (the “Company” or “EMX”) is pleased to announce that Koonenberry Gold Pty Ltd. (“KNB”) has completed the earn-in requirements under the Exploration and Option Agreement dated January 31, 2014 (the “Agreement”) between North Queensland Mining Pty Ltd. (“NQM”) and the Company, and has elected to acquire EMX’s Koonenberry exploration licenses in New South Wales, Australia. KNB is the successor in interest to NQM under the Agreement.

Closing of the Transaction. In accordance with the Agreement, EMX has transferred its wholly-owned subsidiary EMX Exploration Pty Ltd, the holder of the Koonenberry licenses, to KNB, a private Australian company formed for the sole purpose of developing the project. EMX has retained a 3% production royalty on all future production from the Koonenberry licenses. As a result of this transaction, all of EMX’s interests in the Koonenberry gold project have now been converted to retained royalty interests. Please see www.emxroyalty.com for more information.

Koonenberry Overview. The Koonenberry gold project is positioned along the regional-scale Koonenberry fault zone, where significant amounts of eluvial gold have been recovered in recent years by surface prospectors. The Koonenberry fault represents a major terrane boundary and deep-seated structural zone that was active during several orogenic events, and has multiple splays that project into, and through the project area. EMX recognized that the distribution of gold occurrences and gold geochemical anomalies are largely coincident with these prominent structural features.

Although there are no records of previous hardrock mining at Koonenberry, much of the gold recovered through surface prospecting occurs as coarse specimens with attached “reef” quartz, suggesting derivation from nearby bedrock sources. Reconnaissance mapping and sampling by EMX demonstrated the presence of both eluvial/alluvial and bedrock sources of gold¹. EMX identified a number of geological features at Koonenberry similar to the orogenic gold systems developed in the Victorian Goldfields, also located in southeastern Australia.

NQM and its partners completed an assessment of the paleoplacer, placer and eluvial gold potential across the project area, including detailed reprocessing of EMX geophysical surveys. This assessment identified multiple paleochannel targets across the property, and also highlighted fold axis features and multi-scale structures which have a strong spatial association with exposed quartz reefs and previous high-grade drill results.

EMX’s royalty agreements cover approximately 450 square kilometers of exploration licenses that comprise the consolidated Koonenberry project. The majority of the prospective ground covered by this extensive royalty position remains unexplored. KNB have informed EMX of their intention to continue to explore and evaluate the development potential of both the eluvial/alluvial and bedrock sources of gold at Koonenberry.

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.

¹ See EMX news releases dated February 17, and October 6, 2011.

About EMX. EMX leverages asset ownership and exploration insight into partnerships that advance our mineral properties, with EMX receiving pre-production payments and retaining royalty interests. EMX complements its royalty generation initiatives with royalty acquisitions and strategic investments.

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