

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **EMX Royalty Acquires a Royalty Interest on the Kaukua Palladium Project in Finland**

**Vancouver, British Columbia, February 25, 2020 (NYSE American: EMX; TSX Venture: EMX) – EMX Royalty Corporation (the “Company” or “EMX”) is pleased to announce the acquisition of a 2% Net Smelter Returns (“NSR”) royalty on various exploration licenses totaling just over 1,000 hectares (the “Kaukua Royalty”) in Finland from Akkerman Exploration B.V., a private Netherlands company (“Akkerman”). The Kaukua Royalty licenses host palladium-rich platinum group element (“PGE”) mineralization at Palladium One Mining Inc.’s (“Palladium One”) flagship Läntinen Koillismaa (“LK”) project in Finland. An updated mineral resource estimate for the LK PGE project’s Kaukua deposit was announced in September, 2019 by Palladium One<sup>1</sup>, and the current Kaukua Technical Report can be found at [www.Sedar.com](http://www.Sedar.com). The Kaukua deposit lies within the Kaukua Royalty property.**

The Kaukua Royalty was acquired from Akkerman by EMX for C\$125,000 and the issuance of 52,000 EMX shares. EMX’s NSR royalty applies to all future mineral production from the Kaukua Royalty licenses. Palladium One can purchase 1% of the NSR royalty prior to the delivery of a “bankable feasibility study” for €1 million. The remaining 1% of the NSR royalty is uncapped, and cannot be repurchased.

Palladium One has made the Kaukua project an emphasis of their exploration efforts in Finland, and features the project on their website and in corporate presentations. Palladium One also recently announced plans for a 5,000 meter drill program that will further test the Kaukua project and other targets on the LK property<sup>2</sup>.

EMX, one of the leading holders of mineral rights and royalty properties in Fennoscandia, recognized the Kaukua opportunity during assessment of nickel-copper-PGE deposits throughout the region. The acquisition of the Kaukua Royalty is another example of the Company’s successful execution of its royalty generation business strategy, whereby EMX’s in-region expertise is leveraged to identify royalty acquisition and strategic investment opportunities.

**Kaukua Overview.** PGE-nickel-copper-gold mineralization at the Kaukua deposit is hosted by the Koillismaa Layered Igneous Complex (“KLIC”), a 2.4-2.5 billion year old layered mafic intrusive complex located in north-central Finland. The KLIC forms part of an east-west trending belt of similar intrusions and nickel, copper and PGE deposits that cross through Finland and into Russia.

Palladium One’s Technical Report<sup>3</sup> outlined a pit-constrained mineral resource for the Kaukua deposit at a cut-off of 0.3 g/t palladium (Pd) summarized as (note “Pd Eq” is palladium equivalent)<sup>4</sup>:

<sup>1</sup> See Palladium One news release dated September 9, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> See Palladium One news release dated February 18, 2019.

<sup>3</sup> “Technical Report for the Kaukua Deposit, Läntinen Koillismaa Project, Finland”, dated September 9, 2019.

<sup>4</sup> From Table 1-1 of the Kaukua Technical Report, with explanatory notes that include: “*CIM definitions have been followed for the Mineral Resources; Bulk densities of 2.9 t/m<sup>3</sup> have been assigned for all lithologies within the block model except the overburden which has a bulk density of 2.1 t/m<sup>3</sup> assigned; The optimization used metal prices (in USD) of \$1,100/oz for Pd, \$950/oz for Pt, \$1,300/oz for Au, \$6,614/t for Cu and \$15,432/t for Ni; Mining dilution and recovery factors have been assumed at 5% and 95% respectively; Pd Eq is the weighted sum of the Pd, Pt, Au, Ni and Cu grades based on the commodity prices as outlined; and Errors may occur due to rounding to appropriate significant figures.*” EMX notes that recoveries and net smelter returns are assumed to be 100% for the Pd Eq calculation.

| Mineral Resource Estimate for the Kaukua Deposit - September 2019 |         |        |        |        |      |      |           |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|-----------|----------|
| Class                                                             | Ktonnes | Pd g/t | Pt g/t | Au g/t | Ni % | Cu%  | Pd Eq g/t | Pd Eq oz |
| Indicated                                                         | 10,985  | 0.81   | 0.27   | 0.09   | 0.09 | 0.15 | 1.8       | 635,600  |
| Inferred                                                          | 10,875  | 0.64   | 0.20   | 0.08   | 0.08 | 0.13 | 1.5       | 525,800  |

The entirety of the Kaukua deposit's pit-constrained resources are covered by EMX's NSR royalty ground. EMX notes the Technical Report's metal prices of US\$1,100/oz palladium and US\$1,300/oz gold are well below current spot prices. This embeds considerable upside exposure to increased metal prices in future years.

The Company's Kaukua Royalty also covers multiple additional exploration targets including the majority of the "South Zone", a drill defined zone of mineralization which occurs 500 meters south of the main Kaukua deposit. The Technical Report also highlights exploration potential to the east and west of the Kaukua deposit, concealed beneath shallow overburden.

**Kaukua History.** PGE-rich styles of mineralization were first recognized at Kaukua by Outokumpu Oy in the late 1980's. The Geological Survey of Finland ("GTK") commenced a focused research and exploration program in the area in 1996, drilling the Kaukua project for the first time in 2004, resulting in drill defined zones of PGE-rich mineralization. Akkerman acquired the Kaukua licenses in 2007 via direct application, and subsequently optioned the rights of those applications to Nortec Ventures Corp. ("Nortec").

After acquiring the Kaukua property, Nortec drilled additional holes and completed a resource estimate and NI 43-101 technical report in 2011. The Kaukua licenses were ultimately acquired by Nickel One Resources Inc. in 2017. Nickel One Resources Inc. subsequently changed its name to Palladium One Mining Inc. in May, 2019, and Palladium One continues to advance the project, as discussed above.

**Note:** It is the opinion of EMX that the acquisition of the Kaukua Royalty is not a material development for EMX, and therefore the requirement to file an independent technical report under National Instrument 43-101 does not apply in this case.

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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