



## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **EMX acquires a royalty over the Mustajärvi gold discovery in Finland**

**Vancouver, British Columbia, January 30, 2024 (NYSE American: EMX; TSX Venture: EMX; Frankfurt: 6E9) – EMX Royalty Corporation (the “Company” or “EMX”)** is pleased to announce the execution of a purchase agreement with Aurora Exploration OY (“Aurora”), a private Finnish company, for Aurora’s royalty interest covering the Mustajärvi gold project in Finland (the “Project”). The Mustajärvi project is located in the prolific Central Lapland Greenstone Belt in northern Finland, which hosts several recent gold discoveries as well as the Kittila Gold Mine, operated by Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd (NYSE:AEM). The Mustajärvi project is currently being advanced by Firefox Gold Corporation (TSX.V:FFOX; “Firefox”).

The Mustajärvi project was originally acquired by Aurora in 2017 and subsequently sold to Firefox. Further exploration and drilling by Firefox led to the discovery of significant gold mineralization within the Project area (see various news releases by Firefox between 2018 and 2023). As part of the transaction with Firefox, Aurora retained a 1% NSR royalty, to be acquired by EMX. Half of the NSR royalty (0.5%) can be repurchased by Firefox for US\$500,000 upon receipt of a positive feasibility study. Further information on the project can be found at Firefox’s website ([www.firefoxgold.com](http://www.firefoxgold.com)) and in the Project’s 2018 NI-43-101 Technical Report, which has been filed on SEDAR.

Firefox recently announced a partnership with Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd, including a private placement into Firefox (see Firefox News Release dated December 20, 2023). In its announcement, Firefox reported that proceeds from the private placement will be used to further advance and drill the Mustajärvi project.

**Commercial Terms Overview:** As consideration for the royalty interest, EMX has paid Aurora US\$80,000 and will issue 30,000 common shares of the Company to Aurora, subject to receiving final acceptance from the TSX Venture Exchange. These are the sole considerations for the purchase of the royalty.

**Overview of the Project.** The Mustajärvi project is located in Northern Finland in the Central Lapland Greenstone Belt and is hosted within the Mustajärvi shear-zone (MSZ). The MSZ lies between the regional Venejoki and Sirkka shear zones, which host numerous gold occurrences and deposits including Rupert Resources’ recent Ikkari gold discovery.

Gold mineralization at Mustajärvi appears to be developed within “dilational jogs” along the MSZ. Drill defined zones of mineralization have now been reported over a 2.1km trend. The mineralization chiefly occurs as quartz-carbonate-tourmaline veins along contacts between intercalated siliciclastic meta-sediments and mafic-ultramafic volcanic rocks, a common control of gold mineralization in the region. The currently defined zones of mineralization remain open along strike at both ends of the trend as well as at depth.

Recent exploration activities concentrated on the “East Target”, where Firefox reported the discovery of a new zone of gold mineralization in 2022-2023. Drill intercepts in the East Target include hole 22MJ006 with 13.85 meters of 28.74 g/t Au from an in-hole depth of 24.15 meters, 22MJ021 with 15.5 meters of 13.09g/t Au from an in-hole depth of 11 meters and hole 23MJ004 with 20.45 meters of 5.14 g/t Au from an in-hole depth of 12 meters<sup>1</sup>. Elsewhere on the property, significant intercepts include drill hole 21MJ010 with 16.45 meters at 7.69 g/t Au from an in-hole depth of 154.15 meters<sup>1</sup>. Firefox and previous explorers have drilled a combined total of 14,158 meters on the property so far.

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<sup>1</sup> In its news releases dated September 9, 2021, September 6, 2022, January 18, 2023 and July 18, 2023 Firefox has reported that “drilling is believed to be perpendicular to the dip of the mineralization, however true widths are not yet known and will be confirmed with additional drilling and geologic modelling.” Although these results were reported in compliance with NI43-101 protocols and are believed to be reliable and relevant, EMX has not performed sufficient work to verify the published assay results.

**Comments on Nearby and Adjacent Properties.** The deposits, projects and mines discussed in this news release provide context for the Project, which occurs in a similar geologic setting, but this is not necessarily indicative that the Project hosts similar quantities, grades or styles of mineralization.

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, base and battery metals royalty company that specializes in generating and acquiring royalty interests. 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 TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "EMX", and also trade on the Frankfurt exchange under the symbol "6E9". Please see [www.EMXroyalty.com](http://www.EMXroyalty.com) for more information.

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Figure 1. Location of the Project

