

### **NEWS RELEASE**

(In U.S. dollars unless otherwise noted)

## EMX Options the Richmond Mountain Gold Project in Nevada to Stallion Gold Corp.

Vancouver, British Columbia, May 24, 2022 (NYSE American: EMX; TSX Venture: EMX; Frankfurt: 6E9) – EMX Royalty Corporation (the "Company" or "EMX") is pleased to announce the execution, by its wholly-owned subsidiary Bronco Creek Exploration Inc., of an exploration and option agreement (the "Agreement") for the sale of Richmond Mountain LLC, the owner of the Richmond Mountain gold project ("Project") to Stallion Gold Corp. (TSX-V: STUD) ("Stallion"). The Agreement provides EMX with cash payments and work commitments during Stallion's earn-in period, and upon earn-in a retained 4% net smelter return ("NSR") royalty interest, annual advance royalty payments, and certain milestone payments.

Richmond Mountain is a Carlin-style gold project located in the Eureka district of central Nevada. The Eureka district hosts both Cretaceous age base metal mineralization as well as younger, Eocene age Carlin-style mineralization and is one of a select few districts with multi-million-ounce Carlin-style gold deposits in the state<sup>1</sup>. The Project was acquired by EMX and despite being within an established district has undergone only limited work consisting of geochemical sampling and a shallow reconnaissance drill program which did not test the key target area. The Eureka district has recently seen a resurgence in major exploration activity with the acquisition of the past producing Ruby Hill Mine by i-80 Gold Corp. in 2021, and recent work by other junior companies in the remainder of the district.

The Agreement with Stallion represents EMX's execution of the 13<sup>th</sup> option agreement for western USA gold projects since 2020. Richmond Mountain is a good example of the royalty generation aspect of EMX's business model, whereby prospective ground within a major Nevada gold district was identified, acquired inexpensively via staking open ground, and then partnered for exploration advancement at no additional cost to EMX. The Company will also maintain exposure to exploration success upon Stallion's option exercise with pre-production payments and a retained royalty interest.

**Commercial Terms Overview.** Pursuant to the Agreement, Stallion can earn 100% interest in the Project by: (a) making execution and option payments totaling \$500,000 over a five-year option period, and (b) completing \$1,500,000 in exploration expenditures before the fifth anniversary of the Agreement.

Upon Stallion's option exercise and earn-in, EMX will retain a 4% NSR royalty interest on the Project. Stallion may buy back up to a total of one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the royalty by first completing an initial half-percent (0.5%) royalty buyback for a payment of \$750,000 to the Company prior to the third anniversary of the option exercise. If the first buyback is completed, Stallion may purchase an additional 0.5% for \$1,000,000, and a third 0.5% increment for \$1,200,000 at any time prior to commercial production. Beginning on the first anniversary of the option exercise, Stallion will also make annual advance royalty ("AAR") payments of \$100,000.

Additionally, after the option has been exercised, Stallion will make payments in gold ounces (or the USD equivalent) at certain Project milestones: (a) 200 ounces of gold upon completion of a Preliminary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> NBMG, 2019. The Nevada Mineral Industry 2019. Ruby Hill Mine production and resources: Pp. 116-117.

Economic Assessment; (b) 400 ounces of gold upon completion of a Prefeasibility Study; and (c) 650 ounces of gold upon completion of a Feasibility Study.

**Richmond Mountain Overview.** The Richmond Mountain project is located at the southern end of the Battle Mountain-Eureka trend and consists of 117 unpatented lode mining claims covering 9.6 square kilometers (Figure 1). Carlin-style mineralization consisting of jasperoid and decalcified carbonate-bearing rocks outcrop on the southern portion of the property within a north-south oriented structural feeder zone. This structural zone is subparallel and analogous to other structures that host Carlin-style gold mineralization elsewhere within the Eureka district. Examples include Lookout Mountain, Windfall, and the Ruby Hill Mine and Archimedes open pit<sup>2</sup> where the younger, mineralized Eocene structures cut and overprint Cretaceous iron and base metal-rich skarn and carbonate replacement mineralization.

A key target at the Richmond Mountain project is where outcropping mineralized structures plunge northward on the Project under post-mineral cover and trending towards the eastern boundary of the Cretaceous Graveyard Flats intrusion and related contact aureole. The contact aureole hosts base metal mineralization elsewhere in the district and represents a compelling target environment. In addition, the older base metal mineralization and related reduced-iron rich rocks in the contact aureole could provide a chemical trap for the younger, gold-rich fluids resulting in potentially higher grades.

Previous work on the Project has outlined outcropping drill targets through soil and rock chip geochemistry in the south, and CSAMT geophysical surveys in the north that indicate prospective host units are within reasonable target depths. Two shallow drill holes (i.e., < 500 m) were completed on the western side of the property by a previous partner that did not penetrate post-mineral cover, suggesting the concealed target area remains entirely untested. In addition, prospective host rocks are interpreted to become more shallow from west to east across the Project.

EMX regards the Richmond Mountain project as a highly prospective gold project within a Nevada Carlinstyle district which hosts a significant upper tier mining operation at Ruby Hill and is significantly underexplored relative to similar districts in Nevada. The Company looks forward to the Stallion team testing the target concepts in the near term.

More information on the Project can be found at <a href="https://www.EMXroyalty.com">www.EMXroyalty.com</a>.

**Comments on Nearby Deposits and Mines.** The nearby deposits and mines provide geologic context for EMX's Project, but this is not necessarily indicative that the Project hosts similar tonnages or grades of mineralization.

# **QUALIFIED PERSON**

Michael P. Sheehan, 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.

<sup>2</sup>Dilles, P. A., Monteleone, S. E., & Wright, W. A. (1995). West Archimedes: a new gold discovery at the Ruby Hill property, Eureka district, Eureka County, Nevada. In Geology and ore deposits of the American cordillera, Programs with Abstracts, Geological Society of Nevada symposium, Reno/Sparks, Nevada A (Vol. 24).

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Figure 1. Location Map of the Richmond Mountain Project.