

# **NEWS RELEASE**

# EMX Provides Drill Results Update from the Hardshell Royalty Property in Arizona

Vancouver, British Columbia, June 21, 2022 (NYSE American: EMX; TSX Venture: EMX; Frankfurt: 6E9) – EMX Royalty Corporation (the "Company" or "EMX") is pleased to announce drill results from EMX's Hardshell royalty property at a new exploration target, named the Peake prospect, which is part of South32 Limited's Hermosa project in southeast Arizona (Figure 1). Hermosa also includes the feasibility stage Taylor lead-zinc-silver deposit situated directly north of EMX's royalty claim block (see map in Appendix 1). EMX retains a 2% net smelter return ("NSR") royalty on Hardshell that is not capped nor subject to buy down.

Drill results from Peake, which is partially covered by the Hardshell royalty, include copper-enriched skarn type mineralized intercepts of 76.5 meters (1,308.2-1,384.7 m) averaging 1.52% copper, 0.2% zinc, 0.4% lead, and 25 g/t silver in hole HDS-552, as well as 73.8 meters (1,386.8-1,460.6 m) averaging 1.06% copper, 0.5% zinc, 0.7% lead, and 67 g/t silver in HDS-661. In addition, intercepts more typical of Taylor carbonate replacement deposit ("CRD") style mineralization include 9.8 meters (966.2-976.0 m) averaging 0.69% copper, 12.2% zinc, 8.2% lead, and 77 g/t silver in HDS-353. South32's geological model indicates the potential for Peake to host a structurally and lithologically controlled mineralized skarn system that connects to the Taylor CRD mineralization.

EMX's Hardshell royalty was organically generated by the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary Bronco Creek Exploration Inc. ("BCE"). BCE recognized the alteration and mineralization zoning patterns within the district, and staked prospective open ground. Hardshell was optioned in 2015 for a 2% NSR retained royalty interest. The Hermosa project, including Hardshell, was subsequently acquired by South32 in 2018. South32 has steadily advanced Hermosa, which now includes the step-out exploration drilling that has delineated Peake. The Peake mineralization covered by the Hardshell royalty highlights the discovery optionality within EMX's royalty portfolio.

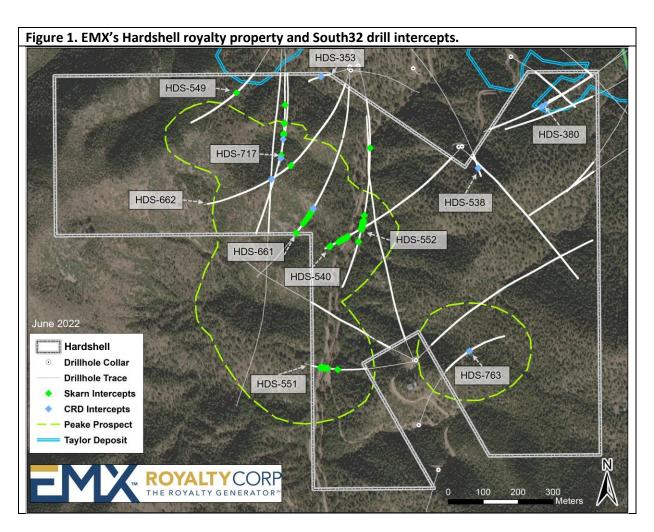
**Discussion of Drill Results.** South32's drilling at Hardshell has focused on the copper-rich skarn mineralization at the Peake prospect, but has also intersected potential extensions of the Taylor CRD system. Peake consists of copper-lead-zinc-silver mineralization delineated as a 1,200 meter by 550 meter, west-northwest trending zone of variable thickness at depths of 1,300 to 1,500 meters. South32 is following up on the Peake drill results as part of its Hermosa exploration programs, and has directed US\$13 million to its exploration programs at Hermosa in the nine months ended March 2022.<sup>1</sup>

EMX's royalty covers much of the currently known extents of the Peake prospect, and South32 has provided EMX a database with ~23,300 meters of angled diamond drilling from within the Hardshell royalty footprint. Select intercepts are summarized in Table 1. Copper-enriched skarn intercepts are reported at a 0.2% copper cutoff, reflecting the early-stage nature of exploration and evaluation of the Peake prospect. CRD style intercepts are reported at a 2.0% zinc equivalent ("ZnEq") cutoff, reflecting the current feasibility stage of evaluation for the Taylor deposit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> South32 Quarterly Report March 2022.

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	Cutoff	Cu (%)	Zn (%)	Pb (%)	Ag (g/t
Including	966.2	971.4	5.2	2% ZnEq	1.21	22.0	14.7	130
HDS-380	878.1	880.4	2.3	2% ZnEq	0.33	2.6	1.8	362
	898.7	906.3	7.6	2% ZnEq	0.24	1.5	1.9	142
HDS-538	1445.4	1451.9	6.6	2% ZnEq	0.03	0.1	1.2	74
HDS-540	1279.2	1389.0	109.7	0.2% Cu	0.62	0.1	0.3	15
Including	1303.6	1309.7	6.1	0.2% Cu	3.48	0.2	0.4	61
And	1469.7	1488.0	18.3	0.2% Cu	0.63	0.0	0.0	10
HDS-549	1169.5	1175.6	6.1	0.2% Cu	1.92	1.5	1.6	312
	1100.6	1111.6	11.0	0.2% Cu	0.39	0.0	0.0	10
HDS-551	1254.9	1280.8	25.9	0.2% Cu	0.54	0.0	0.0	10
	1294.5	1372.8	78.3	0.2% Cu	0.51	0.0	0.1	10
	709.3	714.8	5.5	2% ZnEq	0.12	11.2	5.5	64
HDS-552	1265.8	1273.9	8.1	0.2% Cu	0.39	0.2	0.5	27
	1308.2	1384.7	76.5	0.2% Cu	1.52	0.2	0.4	25
Including	1309.9	1328.6	18.7	0.2% Cu	2.77	0.1	0.2	40
And	1364.3	1384.7	20.4	0.2% Cu	2.44	0.1	0.3	37
Including	1375.3	1384.7	9.4	0.2% Cu	4.45	0.1	0.3	62
And	1478.9	1484.8	5.9	0.2% Cu	0.41	1.0	1.5	57
	1298.4	1305.2	6.7	2% ZnEq	0.89	0.6	3.4	249
HDS-661	1322.2	1374.6	52.4	0.2% Cu	1.73	0.2	0.5	59
Including	1322.2	1346.0	23.8	0.2% Cu	3.32	0.1	0.8	81
	1322.2	1330.1	7.9	0.2% Cu	7.89	0.1	0.4	81
And	1386.8	1460.6	73.8	0.2% Cu	1.06	0.5	0.7	67
Including	1399.6	1410.3	10.7	0.2% Cu	2.84	0.7	1.5	227
And	1424.0	1446.9	22.9	0.2% Cu	1.24	0.5	0.6	45
	1555.1	1563.4*	8.3	0.2% Cu	0.29	2.0	1.1	68
HDS-662	1316.4	1329.2	12.8	0.2% Cu	0.95	3.4	4.4	137
	1540.8	1546.7	5.9	2% ZnEq	0.45	5.9	2.1	250
	1065.3	1072.4	7.2	0.2% Cu	0.21	3.5	2.7	22
	1306.1	1318.3	12.2	0.2% Cu	0.82	1.8	1.8	63
HDS-717	1444.1	1466.7	22.6	0.2% Cu	1.38	1.7	1.7	46
Including	1456.6	1466.7	10.1	0.2% Cu	2.57	0.5	1.0	78
And	1517.9	1522.2	4.3	2% ZnEq	0.03	3.0	1.8	49
	1718.6	1727.0	8.4	0.2% Cu	1.99	1.0	0.1	39
	1754.1	1763.3	9.1	2% ZnEq	0.13	1.4	0.5	42
HDS-763	1429.8	1439.6	9.8	2% ZnEq	0.02	2.3	0.1	3

Skarn intercepts in green and CRD intercepts in light blue. ZnEq cutoff calculated using metal prices of Zn (US\$2,695/t), Pb (US\$1,992/t), and Ag (US\$25.50/oz) and recoveries of Zn (90%), Pb (91%) and Ag (81%). Cu was NOT included in the ZnEq calculation. True widths are approximately 65-85% of the reported interval lengths. \*Note: HDS-661 missing data from 1563.4 meters to EOH.



Hermosa Project and Hardshell Royalty Property Overview. South32's Hermosa project, located in the Patagonia mining district of southeastern Arizona, includes CRD sulfide (i.e., Taylor) and oxide (i.e., Clark) deposits (which are not covered by EMX's Hardshell royalty), as well as the Peake skarn prospect (partially covered by EMX's Hardshell royalty). In a July 21, 2021 Public Report titled "Hermosa Project – Mineral Resource Estimate Update" South32 disclosed a JORC (2012) Mineral Resource estimate for Taylor at a US\$80/dmt NSR cutoff as a) 29 Mtonnes @ 4.10% Zn, 4.05% Pb, and 57 g/t Ag Measured, b) 86 Mtonnes @ 3.76% Zn, 4.44% Pb, and 86 g/t Ag Indicated, c) and 24 Mtonnes @ 3.73% Zn, 3.82% Pb, and 91 g/t Ag Inferred.<sup>2</sup> The resource estimate was prepared by M. Hastings, MAusIMM, of SRK Consulting (US), a Competent Person in accordance with the requirements of the JORC Code. JORC is an "acceptable foreign code" under NI 43-101 for disclosure of mineral resources and mineral reserves.

In a January 17, 2022 Public Report, South32 announced an update to the Hermosa project with the completion of a pre-feasibility study on the Taylor deposit and a scoping study for the Clark deposit.<sup>3</sup> South32 also stated that 1) Taylor had moved to the feasibility stage of evaluation with a final investment

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> South32 market release dated July 21, 2021 (titled "Hermosa Project - Mineral Resource Estimate Update") and Annual Report 2021 dated September 21, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> South32 market release dated January 17, 2022 (titled "Hermosa Project Update").

decision expected by mid-2023, and 2) shaft development is expected to commence in FY2024, subject to a final investment decision and receipt of required permits.

EMX's Hardshell 2% NSR royalty property consists of 16 unpatented federal lode mining claims that are included as part of South32's Hermosa project. Mineralization is primarily hosted within a sequence of dipping upper Paleozoic (i.e., Pennsylvanian-Permian) carbonate sedimentary rocks adjacent to the Sunnyside porphyry system which is being explored by Barksdale Resources (TSX-V: BRO). The delineation of the Peake prospect by South32 represents the potential to create significant value for the Company's Hardshell royalty property. EMX looks forward to South32's continued exploration success at Hardshell, as well as from the greater Hermosa project.

Comments on Adjacent Properties. The adjacent properties, which include South32's Taylor deposit and Barksdale's Sunnyside Project, provide geological context for the Peake prospect, which is partially covered by EMX's Hardshell royalty claim block. However, this is not necessarily indicative that the Hardshell royalty claim block represents similar tonnages or grades of mineralization as at the Taylor deposit, nor a similar style of mineralization as the Sunnyside porphyry.

**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.

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# Appendix 1

