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POSITIVE LITHIUM BRINE ANALYSES REPORTED AT FOX CREEK ALBERTA LITHIUM PROJECT

Empire Metals Corp. ("Empire") is pleased to announce positive results from its Fox Creek Lithium Project in west-central Alberta, Canada. Empire is exploring at Fox Creek for potential to extract lithium (Li), potassium (K), boron (B), bromine (Br), iodide (I) and other elements of interest from saline formation water or "brine". Brine at Fox Creek occurs in natural-forming aquifers at depths of more than 3,000 meters. Brine is currently pumped to surface as a waste by-product from petroleum companies actively producing oil & gas from their wells at Empire's Fox Creek Lithium Project.

In order to better understand the aquifer system for the lithium production potential at Fox Creek, APEX Geoscience Ltd. ("APEX") was commissioned by Empire to compile and interpret historical data towards target delineation. Three significant Devonian reef and/or oil & gas trends have been identified on Empire's Fox Creek industrial well permits. These primary targets are situated in northwest-trending lineaments that cross through the central part of the permit area.

APEX has collected samples that were analyzed from brine associated with the Kaybob South oilfield and aquifer. Analyses yielded Lithium values of between 81.6 and 69.5 mg/L Li (average of 76.7 mg/L Li). Eleven of the 15 wells sampled yielded values greater than 75 mg/L Li.

Other elemental values from the brine sampling program include: bromide values of between 420.0 mg/L Br and 470.0 mg/L Br (averaging 453.9 mg/L Br); potassium values of between 4,210 mg/L K and 5,180 mg/L K (averaging 4,664 mg/L K); boron values of between 143.0 mg/L B and 170.0 mg/L B (averaging 153.9 mg/L B); and iodide values of between 0.0 mg/L I and 24.0 mg/L I (averaging 9.6 mg/L I).

Project results are interpreted as showing of the Beaverhill Lake aquifer underlying Empire's Fox Creek Property has a chemically homogeneous composition. These lithium values are comparable with historical results in the area, which confirm that the Fox Creek Lithium Project yields some of the highest lithium-brine values in Alberta and reiterates that the aquifers underlying Fox Creek have potential for a commercially viable lithium-brine operation.

Brine samples were collected from wells that are operated by two separate petro-producers. Brine was obtained from sample boot points or using a Mobile Test Separator Unit. Samples

were analyzed at Maxxam Analytics laboratory located in Edmonton, AB. Maxxam complies with data quality objectives of the International Standards Organization (ISO/IEC 17025). Analytical techniques used include inductivity coupled plasma-atomic emissions spectroscopy and ion chromatography. Data quality was assessed using average percent relative standard deviation (also known as the % coefficient of variation), or average RSD%. The RSD% of the duplicate samples for lithium is between 0.6% and 1.9%, which indicates excellent precision or reproducibility of the analytical results. This exploration program included geochemical analysis of brine from 15 individual wells; 5 duplicate samples; and 4 control blanks.

Empire has also conducted additional surface metallic minerals exploration at Fox Creek which it expects to report on shortly. This exploration included stream-sediment surface sampling to assist with assessing the precious, base and specialty metals as well as diamondiferous kimberlite potential on the Fox Creek Property.

Empire is also considering a purposed split of its resource assets into several asset specific listed companies in order to unlock value and better position these assets for further exploration and development. Empire's resource projects include a 100% interest in the Buck Lake platinum, palladium and nickel discovery located 25 km west of Northern American Palladium Ltd's 'Lac des Iles mine' near Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada; an interest in the Graphite West Project – a prospective hydrothermal graphite exploration target located immediately west of Zenyatta Ventures Ltd.'s Albany hydrothermal graphite deposit; and the Gwyn Lake gold project in Ontario.

The technical content of this news release has been reviewed and approved by Mr. Michael Dufresne, M.Sc. P.Geol. (Alberta), P.Geo. (B.C.) of APEX Geoscience Ltd. and Boris Molak, P.Geol. (BC). the Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-10.

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