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NEWS RELEASE

East Africa Metals Grants Stock Options

Vancouver, British Columbia – January 15, 2016 – East Africa Metals Inc. (TSX-V: EAM) (the “Company”) has granted an aggregate of 11 million stock options to certain directors, officers, employees and consultants pursuant to the Company’s Stock Option Plan. The options have an exercise price of \$0.10 per share and an expiry date of January 15, 2021.

About East Africa Metals

The Company’s principal assets and interests include both the 70%-owned Harvest polymetallic VMS exploration Project, which covers approximately 116 square kilometres in the Tigray region of Ethiopia, 600 kilometres north-northwest of the capital city of Addis Ababa, and the Adyabo Project, covering 264 square kilometres immediately west of the Harvest Project. The Company owns 80% of the Adyabo Project. East Africa now has mineral resources defined at both projects in Ethiopia and continues to test priority targets. Additionally, the Company owns the 93 square kilometre Handeni Property located in north-eastern Tanzania. Handeni includes the Magambazi Project, a gold deposit discovered in 2009. East Africa has entered into a binding letter agreement with an arm's length private exploration and development company to advance the project.

More information on the Company can be viewed at the Company’s website: www.eastafricametals.com.

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