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NEWS RELEASE

East Africa Metals Closes \$1 Million Non-Brokered Private Placement

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Vancouver, British Columbia – May 31, 2016 – East Africa Metals Inc. (TSX-V: EAM) (the “Company”) announces that it has closed the previously announced non-brokered private placement financing of 10,000,000 units at a price of \$0.10 per unit, for gross proceeds of \$1,000,000. Each unit consists of one common share of the Company and one-half of one non-transferable common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant will entitle the holder thereof to purchase one common share at an exercise price of \$0.25 for a period of 24 months from the date of closing.

Proceeds from the private placement will be used to advance the Company's Harvest and Adyabo projects, as well as for working capital purposes.

If at any time after October 1, 2016, the Company's common shares have a closing price on the TSX Venture Exchange (or such other exchange on which the common shares may be traded at such time) of \$0.30 per share or greater for a period of 10 consecutive trading days, the Company will be entitled to accelerate the expiry date of the warrants upon 20 days' notice given by news release, and the warrants will then expire on the 20th day after the date of such notice.

The Company will pay finders' fees in connection with some of the subscriptions in an aggregate amount of \$57,618 cash and 576,180 warrants.

All of the securities issued in connection with this placement are subject to a hold period expiring on October 1, 2016.

Three insiders of the Company participated in the private placement and subscribed for an aggregate of 157,000 units representing an aggregate amount of \$15,700. Participation of insiders in the private placement constitutes a related party transaction pursuant to Multilateral Instrument 61-101 *Protection of Minority Shareholders in Special Transactions*. The private placement is exempt from the formal valuation and minority shareholder approval requirements of such instrument and policy as neither the fair market value of securities being issued to insiders nor the consideration being paid by insiders exceed 25% of the Company's market capitalization. The Company did not file a material change report 21 days prior to the closing of the private placement as details of the participation of insiders of the Company were not confirmed until closing of the private placement.

The securities offered have not been, and will not be, registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "U.S. Securities Act") or any U.S. state securities laws, and may not be offered or sold in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States persons absent registration or any applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act and applicable U.S. state securities laws. This news release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in the United States, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.

About East Africa Metals

The Company's principal assets and interests include both the 70%-owned Harvest polymetallic VMS exploration Project, which covers approximately 86 square kilometres in the Tigray region of Ethiopia, 600 kilometres north-northwest of the capital city of Addis Ababa, and the Adyabo Project, covering 225 square kilometres immediately west of the Harvest Project. The Company owns 80% of the Adyabo Project, and upon execution of a net smelter return agreement the Company will own 100% of the Adyabo Project, subject to a 2% NSR. East Africa now has mineral resources defined at both projects in Ethiopia and plans to continue 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 definitive agreement with an arm's length private exploration and development company to advance the project.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information

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