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Eau Claire Gold Deposit First 20 drill holes hit 51 intersections averaging 0.54 oz gold per ton

Eastmain Resources Inc. (TSX:ER) announces preliminary assay results from the first 20 drill holes of the current program at its wholly-owned Eau Claire Gold Deposit, located in James Bay, Northern Québec. These holes (ER08-113 to ER08-132), which have intersected the Main Group of veins below 2007 drilling, include 51 metre-wide intersections with an average grade of 18.66 g/t Au or 0.54 ounces gold per ton and 26 vein intervals with an average grade of 34.32 g/t Au (1 ounce per ton). See Table 1: 2008 Preliminary Assay Results. Assay data is pending for the remaining 44 drill holes.

Definition drilling over the past twelve months, using large diameter (HQ) core, has confirmed the lateral and vertical continuity of the Eau Claire gold deposit. Over 100 metre-wide vein intervals containing an average grade of one ounce gold per ton have been intersected to date in this drilling. The current program will continue until the end of the month.

Sixty-three drill holes, totaling 11,350 metres, have been completed during the 2008 phase of drilling. The first 20 drill holes intersected 80 quartz-tourmaline veins ranging from 8.42 g/t Au (0.25 ounces per ton) over 5.0 metres to 168.5 g/t Au (4.92 ounces per ton) over 0.5 metre (Table 1). A new set of goldbearing veins, designated as the "T series", has also been discovered north of the main deposit. Highlights from this vein series include: 29.74 g/t Au over 1.5 m in hole 118, 17.76 g/t Au over one metre in hole 129 and up to 147.1 g/t Au over 0.5 metre in hole 132.

Definition drilling at Eau Claire has delineated high-grade, near-surface ounces, which could be extracted by open pit methods. A 2009 winter drill program is scheduled to continue to trace the high-grade central portion of the deposit to depth. The near-term objectives of the Corporation are to advance the project to the development stage, through continued low-cost definition drilling, and subsequently sell the gold asset 📜 to a producing company, while retaining a royalty interest.

"Drilling at Eau Claire continues to expand this high-grade gold deposit, located in one of the most favourable mining districts in the world – Quebec. Despite the recent financial crisis and market meltdown our Company is well funded, with in excess of \$20 Million in the treasury and the benefit of additional exploration funding through impressive financial incentives from the Québec government. We have sufficient funds to continue our business plan for the next five years, even without including any provincial reimbursements. We will continue to enhance the value of our assets through ongoing drilling under and around defined resources and known metal targets. Our exploration activities will focus on expanding our 100%-owned gold deposits and exploring the Éléonore South Joint Venture, which is funded by Goldcorp" stated Eastmain's CEO, Don Robinson.

About Eastmain Resources Inc. (TSX:ER)

Eastmain is a Canadian gold exploration company with 100% interest in the Eau Claire and Eastmain gold deposits. The Corporation has in excess of \$20 Million in working capital and holds an interest in 12 projects within the James Bay District, including the Éléonore South property, where a gold discovery has been found in a similar geologic setting to Goldcorp's Roberto deposit. Eastmain has an annual budget of \$4 million for gold exploration in Québec.

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Hole ID	From	To	Length (m)	Au g/t	Au oz/ton	Vein ID	Notes
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ER08-113	113.8	114.3	0.50	20.90	0.61	T1	VQTL VG
	117.9	118.9	1.00	7.65	0.22	T1	
incl.	118.4	118.9	0.50	14.25	0.42	T1	
ER08-114	53.5	54.0	0.50	12.60	0.37	Р	
ER08-115	58.4	58.9	0.50	17.85	0.52	JQ	VQTL VG
L100-110	69.5	70.1	0.60	40.80	1.19	R	VQTL VG
	150.6	151.1	0.50	12.95	0.38	T3	VQTL VG
	100.0	101.1	0.00	12.00	0.00		
ER08-116	58.6	60.1	1.50	38.31	1.12	JQ	VQTL VG
inct.	59.1	59.6	0.50	101.00	2.95		
	71.2	72.2	1.00	14.64	0.43	R	
ER08-117	58.5	59.5	1.00	120.20	3.51	JQ	VQTL VG
incl.	59.0	59.5	0.50	168.50	4.92		
	71.5	73.5	2.00	9.96	0.29	R	1/07: 1/0
incl.	72.5	73.0	0.50	27.10	0.79		VQTL VG
	106.7	107.2	0.50	27.00	0.79	Т	VQTL VG
ED00 440	65.4	65.0	0.50	50.40	1.73	10	VQTL VG
ER08-118	65.4	65.9	0.50	59.40	0.22	JQ	VQTL VG
	79.5 120.5	80.6 122.0	1.10 1.50	7.57 29.74	0.22	R	VQTL VG
incl.	120.5	121.0	0.50	39.50	1.15	<u> </u>	VQILVO
incl.	121.0	121.5	0.50	45.80	1.34		
moi.	121.0	121.0	0.00	40.00	1.0-7		-
ER08-120	114.6	115.6	1.00	6.76	0.20	S	
	208.6	209.1	0.50	9.64	0.28	Т	
ER08-121	59.5	61.9	2.40	8.96	0.26	JQ	VQTL VG
incl.	61.4	61.9	0.50	17.80	0.52		
ED00.400	05.4		1.00	05.00	4.00	S	VQTL VG
ER08-122	85.4	86.4	1.00	65.88	1.92	8	VQILVG
incl.	85.9	86.4	0.50	129.00	3.77		-
ER08-123	52.7	53.2	0.50	31.70	0.93	Р	VQTL VG
L100-125	65.0	65.5		10.00	0.29	JQ	10.2.0
-	117.0	117.5		10.25	0.30	T	
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ER08-126	74.9	75.4	0.50	22.00	0.64	JQ	
	88.2	89.2	1.00	11.36	0.33	R	VQTL VG
incl.	88.7	89.2	0.50	18.95	0.55		
ED00 105				40.55			-
ER08-128	117.4	118.9		12.89	0.38	Р	
incl.	118.4	118.9	0.50	20.50	0.60		<u> </u>
ER08-129	121.5	122.0	0.50	41.30	1.21	JQ	VQTL VG
LINUS 128	244.0	245.0	1.00	17.76	0.52	T	1 44,5
incl.	244.5	245.0	0.50	34.00	0.99	<u>'</u>	
	277.0	2-70.0	0.00	37.00	0.00	 	

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Hole ID	From	То	Length (m)	Au g/t	Au oz/ton	Vein ID	Notes
ER08-130	51.0	52.5	1.50	7.44	0.22	Р	
	61.4	61.9	0.50	9.37	0.27	JQ	
	93.8	94.8	1.00	35.70	1.04	S	
ER08-131	58.2	59.7	1.50	37.45	1.09	JQ	
incl.	58.7	59.2	0.50	67.50	1.97		VQTL VG
ER08-132	73.5	74.5	1.00	35.55	1.04	JQ	VQTL VG
incl.	74.0	74.5	0.50	49.30	1.44		
	84.0	84.5	0.50	12.60	0.37	R	
	122.1	123.1	1.00	74.15	2.17	T	
incl.	122.6	123.1	0.50	147.10	4.30		VQTL VG
	159.5	164.5	5.00	8.42	0.25	Т3	
incl.	161.0	161.5	0.50	57.60	1.68		
Eau Claire Gold	d deposit	- Average co	mposite gold g	rades			
Cut off grade		Number of	Length	Avora	ge Grade		
		Intercepts	m	Avera Au g/t	Au oz/ton		-
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0		80	1.05	13.16	0.38	···-	
4.6		51	1.01	18.66	0.54		
7.5	· ···	39	0.85	25.82	0.75		
10		26	0.85	34.32	1.00		

Chemical analysis was completed by ALS CHEMEX Laboratories using a 50-gram split and gravimetric techniques. The visible gold samples were mechanically screened and assayed for metallics. Internal standards provided by an independent company and blank samples were inserted for quality control purposes.

Note: Sample length approximates true thickness. VQTL VG - Quartz-tourmaline vein with visible gold. Assay results are pending for an additional 44 drill holes.



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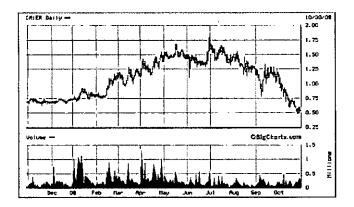
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Eastmain Resources Inc. (ER-T / \$0.56)

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Company Profile

Eastmain Resources Inc. (ER) is focused on exploration in the James Bay area of Quebec. The company's primary focal point is gold exploration within the emerging Eastmain/Opinaca mining district. Eastmain owns 100% of the Eau Claire gold deposit and has significant land holdings with partners covering key geology adjacent to Goldcorp's Eleonore project (3.7 million oz. Au). Eastmain also owns 100% of the past producing Eastmain Mine further east in the Eastmain River Greenstone Belt.



Source: BigCharts.com

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	M	arket Data			
Ticker	ER-T	Shares F/D (M)	96.6		
Rating	Buy (S)	Market Cap (M)	54.1		
Risk	High	Float F/D (M)	96.6		
Price .	\$0.56	Float Value (M)	54.1		
1-Yr Target	\$1.60	Avg Daily Volume (K)	232		
Dividend	\$0.00	Control Blocks	NA		
1-Yr ROR	185.7%	Voting	NA		
52-Wk High -Low	\$1.87-\$0.49	Equity	NA		
Next Reporting	December 2	008 Management	4%		
Valuation	NAV10%	Major Shareholder-Goldcorp	9.0%		
Web site	www.eastmain.com				
Source: Company	reports; Thor	nson One; LBS estimates.			

Buy (S) / Target Price: \$1.60

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Confirming High Grade Gold

On October 30, 2008, Eastmain reported assay results from its large diameter HQ diamond drilling program on the 450 West Zone of the Eau Claire deposit. We highlight that the previously reported intersected visible gold is being confirmed by assay results that range from 5m at 8.42 g/t Au, 2.4m at 8.96 g/t Au to half meter and meter high grade intervals that average 27g/t Au. We believe the 2008 in-filling drill program on the Clearwater project is successful defining a near surface selective mining open pit target.

Analysis

We believe that the Clearwater project still has considerable exploration upside and could potentially be developed as a satellite deposit for the Eleonore project of Goldcorp. The 2008 in-filling drill program consisting of more than 63 holes (11,350 m) is essentially aimed at expanding and upgrading the known near-surface, high grade multiple quartz-tourmaline vein systems in the 450 West Zone. The numerous East-West quartz-tourmaline veins are part of a swarm of en-echelon structures that are being defined and confirmed. We note that the T, T1, T3, P, JQ, R, S veins are of narrow metric width, however they are relatively continuous and of high grade gold value.

We highlight the lateral and vertical continuity of the vein structures and believe that there is good potential to increase the known resources and more certainly upgrade the confidence level to measured resources. The current drill program is assessing the potential for defining a near surface open pit target. The near average grade of one ounce gold per ton should, in light of the developing Eleonore mill, be viewed as favourable feed due to preliminary good metallurgy and reasonable haulage distance. We believe that the Clearwater project is well positioned and that a new mineral resource estimation could lead to the establishment of a preliminary economic assessment.

Conclusion - Rating and Target Unchanged

We believe that Eastmain is an exploration and development company with compelling assets in the James Bay area. We value Eastmain as a long-term quality explorer with precious metal assets located in a stable political jurisdiction with favourable mining incentives. The Clearwater project contains a high grade gold deposit that we believe will eventually be developed. We maintain our Speculative Buy rating with a \$1.60 target price.

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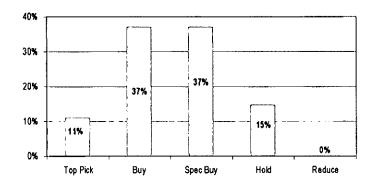
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