

## Londo Signs Agreement to Acquire Two European Battery Metal Assets

# Key Highlights

- Agreement to acquire projects signed with EMX Royalty Corporation ("EMX")
  - EMX listed TSX-V, NYSE, Frankfurt
  - o One of the world's larget royalty companies.
  - EMX Market Capitalisation ~C\$271 mill
- Flåt Project;
  - Historical production from Flåt Mine: 2.7 Mt @ 0.72% Ni, 0.48% Cu, 0.06%
    Co with remaining production potential.
  - Flåt Mine operated from 1872 to 1944. Operation ceased when German occupation of Norway ended.
  - Flåt Mine was a key asset for the mining industry in Norway, as production from this mine led to establishment of the Kristiansand nickel refinery (Nikkelverk, now owned by Glencore, 50km south)
  - High discovery potential in large, underexplored intrusive complexes with multiple historic mining areas and walk up drill targets
  - Supportive regulatory and tax policies in Norway with Straight-forward permitting
- Bamble Project
  - Historical production from multiple deposits on the property
  - Land position covers district-scale intrusive belt
  - Ni-Cu-Co-PGE rich environment
  - Within 50km of Glencore's Nikkelverk Refinery
  - Nickel-rich millerite (NiS) is commonly observed in dump samples
- Londo to proceed to ASX IPO in H2 2023
- EMX News Release attached as Appendix



Londo Nickel Ltd ("**Londo" or the "Company**") is pleased to announce the execution of an option agreement ("**the Agreement**") with EMX Royalty Corporation (EMX) to acquire 100% of the Flåt and Bamble nickel-copper sulfide projects in Norway (the "Projects") See Appendix for further details.

### **Executive Chair, David Sumich commented:**

"The Projects will provide Londo with an outstanding pair of battery metal assets as the basis for our proposed ASX listing scheduled for next quarter. Importantly, this Agreement preserves the integrity of the current capital structure, paving the way for potential post listing leverage. The Madagascan nickel assets under the binding SPA are now proposed to be transfererred to Londo post IPO trading".

For full details of the acquisition terms, please refer to EMX News Release attached as an Appendix.

The Company looks forward to updating shareholders further.

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### EMX Options Its Flåt and Bamble Nickel Projects in Norway

Vancouver, British Columbia, 24 July, 2023 (NYSE American: EMX; TSX Venture: EMX; Frankfurt: 6E9) – EMX Royalty Corporation (the "Company" or "EMX") is pleased to announce the execution of an option agreement for EMX's Flåt and Bamble nickel-copper sulfide projects in Norway (the "Projects") (see Figure 1) to Londo Nickel Limited ("Londo Nickel"), a public unlisted Australian Company. The agreement provides EMX with 2.5% Net Smelter Return ("NSR") royalty interests, cash and equity payments, work commitments and other considerations. In conjunction with this transaction, Londo Nickel intends to establish a public listing on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) later in 2023.

The Flåt and Bamble Projects belong to a belt of Proterozoic mafic intrusions in southern Norway that hosts a variety of nickel-copper sulfide deposits and occurrences (see Figure 1). These deposits were mined in the 20<sup>th</sup> century to help feed the nearby Nikkelverk smelter, which is now owned and operated by Glencore. During this period Norway was a major supplier of nickel to the world. The mines in southern Norway are also thought to have provided the majority of global nickel production in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, and although over 40 mines have operated in the area historically, there has been very little modern exploration. In a broader context, the belt in southern Norway is considered to be the eastern extension of the same geologic trend that hosts the Voisey's Bay nickel deposits in Labrador, Canada (the regions of modern-day Fennoscandia and Canada were once adjoined in the middle Proterozoic era).

The Projects will provide Londo Nickel with a strong pair of battery metal assets in advance of its proposed ASX listing. EMX and Londo Nickel will work together to apply modern exploration methods and deposit models to advance the Projects.

**Commercial Terms Overview** (terms are in Australian dollars (AUD) unless otherwise noted). Upon execution, Londo Nickel will make a cash payment of \$30,000. During a seven-month option period, Londo Nickel can acquire a 100% interest in the EMX subsidiary company that controls the Projects by paying EMX an additional \$20,000. Upon commencement of the IPO and ASX-listing process, Londo Nickel will make an additional cash payment of up to \$100,000 and issue 750,000 shares of Londo Nickel to EMX along with 1,000,000 warrants with each warrant being exercisable for one share of Londo Nickel at a price of AUD \$0.25 for 48 months. Upon the first anniversary of the IPO, Londo Nickel will also pay EMX \$50,000 in cash.

Upon completing the option requirements, Londo Nickel will earn 100% interest in each Project with EMX retaining:

- A 2.5% NSR royalty interest in each Project.
- Annual advance royalty ("**AAR**") payments per each Project that commence on the third anniversary of the IPO. These will start at \$30,000, with AAR payments increasing by 15% per year on subsequent anniversaries of the IPO until reaching \$75,000.
- Milestone payments of \$250,000 in cash upon announcement via the ASX of a maiden JORC resource for each Project. Additional milestone payments of \$500,000 in cash will be made to EMX upon the delivery of a feasibility study for each Project.

To maintain its interest in the Flåt and Bamble Projects, Londo Nickel will also spend a minimum of \$300,000 and \$100,000, respectively, by the first anniversary of the IPO, and \$300,000 each year starting on the second anniversary of the IPO<sup>1</sup>.

**Flåt Project Overview.** EMX's exploration licenses surround the historical Flåt Mine (see Figure 2), which was one of the largest nickel producers in Europe from 1872 through the end of World War II. Total reported production from the mine

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The work commitment for the Bamble project will increase to \$300,000 per year following the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the IPO.

was 2.7 Mtonnes at average grades of 0.72% Ni, 0.48% Cu, and 0.06% Co<sup>2</sup>, and was the major source of nickel for the nearby Nikkelverk smelter in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. EMX's land position covers the lateral and downward extensions of the mineralized body exploited by historical mining at Flåt, as well as other nearby historical mine workings. Falconbridge completed the most recent drill program in the 1970's, but failed to reach the exploration target at depth. Beyond the near-mine targets, Falconbridge also investigated and drill tested other prospects within the intrusive complex, including Mølland and Oreknappen, which are also within the EMX land position. Drill results at Mølland, which include an intercept of 6.78 m @ 1.07% Ni, 0.27% Cu from 103.96 m depth; true width unknown) demonstrate additional upside potential on the project.<sup>3</sup>

**Bamble Project Overview.** The Bamble nickel-copper-cobalt project covers a 20-kilometer trend of mafic intrusions in the Bamble Belt. Multiple nickel and copper occurrences have been documented on the Bamble property, many of which have historical mine workings including the Skaugen and Nystein-Meikjaer target areas (see Figure 3). The Skaugen target is a 5 x 2 km magnetite-rich gabbroic pluton with a strong geophysical signature. There are disseminated sulfide occurrences around the periphery of the intrusion, with conductive EM anomalies in the center, many of which have never been drill tested.

More information on the Projects can be found at <u>www.EMXroyalty.com</u>.

**Comments on Nearby and Adjacent Properties.** The mines and deposits discussed in this news release provide context for EMX's Projects, which occur in a similar geologic setting, but this is not necessarily indicative that the Projects host similar quantities, grades or styles of mineralization.

Dr. Eric P. Jensen, 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.

**About EMX.** EMX is a precious, base and battery metals royalty company. EMX's investors are provided with discovery, development, and commodity price optionality, while limiting exposure to risks inherent to operating companies. The Company's common shares are listed on the NYSE American Exchange and TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "EMX", and also trade on the Frankfurt exchange under the symbol "6E9". Please see <u>www.EMXroyalty.com</u> for more information.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Historical production values provided by the Norwegian Geologic Survey in "The Ore Database".

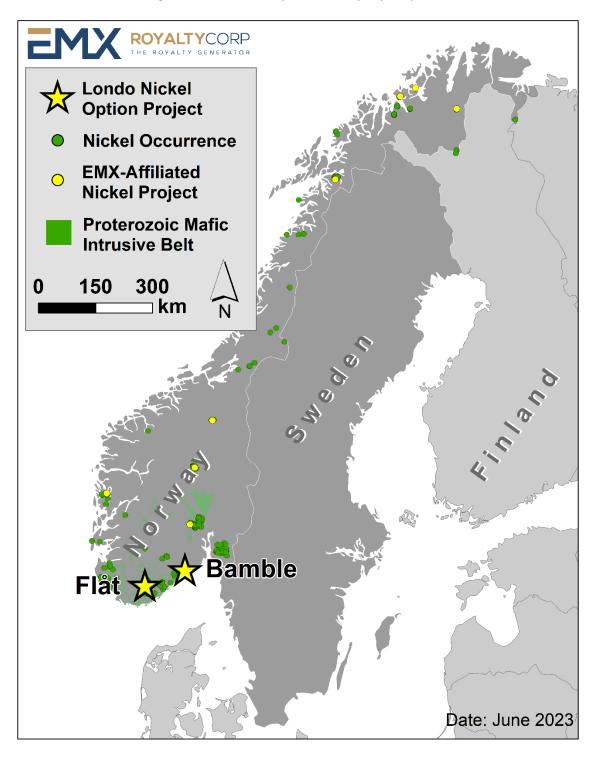
<sup>(&</sup>lt;u>https://aps.ngu.no/pls/oradb/minres\_deposit\_fakta.Main?p\_objid=5253&p\_spraak=E</u>). EMX has not performed sufficient work to verify the published assay data reported above, and these data cannot be verified as compliant with NI 43-101 standards, however EMX considers them reliable and relevant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The historical drilling was completed by Sulfidmalm in 1968 & 1970 as reported to NGU in 'The Sulfidemalm 2005 Annual Report'. EMX has not performed sufficient work to verify the historical drill results. However, from independent assessment, EMX considers the historical results to be reliable and relevant as an example providing general context for mineralization occurring on the property.

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Figure 1. Location Map of EMX Royalty Properties



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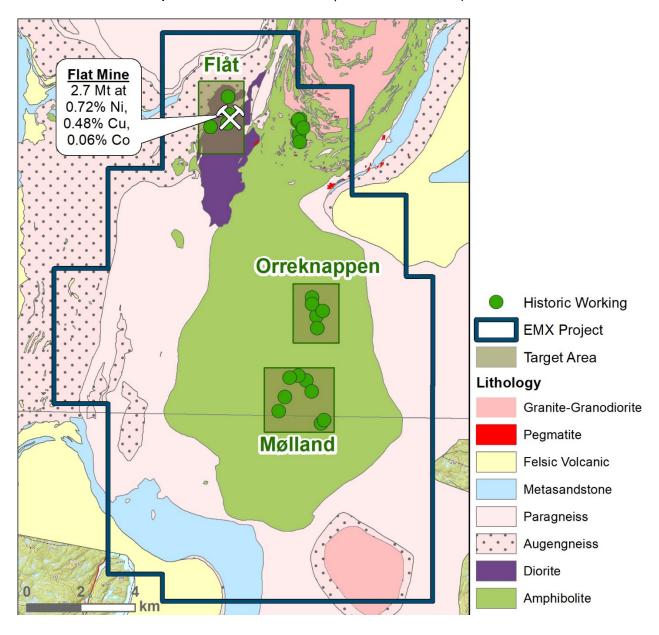


Figure 2. Overview Map of Flåt Project with Historical Production Annotated (see footnote 2 for historical production reference)

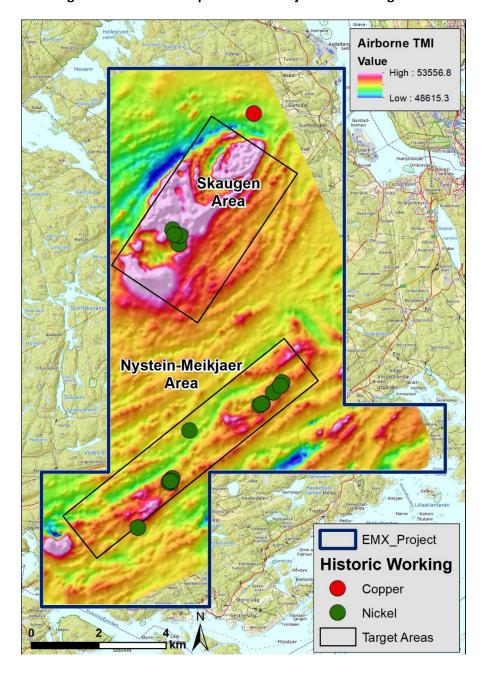


Figure 3. Overview Map of Bamble Project on TMI Magnetics