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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 gold-bearing 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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Table 1. 2008 Preliminary Assay Results - Eau Claire Gold Deposit

Hole ID	From	To	Length (m)	Au g/t	Au oz/ton	Vein ID	Notes
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	P	
ER08-115	58.4	58.9	0.50	17.85	0.52	JQ	VQTL VG
	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
ER08-116	58.6	60.1	1.50	38.31	1.12	JQ	VQTL VG
incl.	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	
incl.	72.5	73.0	0.50	27.10	0.79		VQTL VG
	106.7	107.2	0.50	27.00	0.79	T	VQTL VG
ER08-118	65.4	65.9	0.50	59.40	1.73	JQ	VQTL VG
	79.5	80.6	1.10	7.57	0.22	R	VQTL VG
	120.5	122.0	1.50	29.74	0.87	T	VQTL VG
incl.	120.5	121.0	0.50	39.50	1.15		
incl.	121.0	121.5	0.50	45.80	1.34		
ER08-120	114.6	115.6	1.00	6.76	0.20	S	
	208.6	209.1	0.50	9.64	0.28	T	
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		
ER08-122	85.4	86.4	1.00	65.88	1.92	S	VQTL VG
incl.	85.9	86.4	0.50	129.00	3.77		
ER08-123	52.7	53.2	0.50	31.70	0.93	P	VQTL VG
	65.0	65.5	0.50	10.00	0.29	JQ	
	117.0	117.5	0.50	10.25	0.30	T	
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		
ER08-128	117.4	118.9	1.50	12.89	0.38	P	
incl.	118.4	118.9	0.50	20.50	0.60		
ER08-129	121.5	122.0	0.50	41.30	1.21	JQ	VQTL VG
	244.0	245.0	1.00	17.76	0.52	T	
incl.	244.5	245.0	0.50	34.00	0.99		

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Hole ID	From	To	Length (m)	Au g/t	Au oz/ton	Vein ID	Notes
ER08-130	51.0	52.5	1.50	7.44	0.22	P	
	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	T3	
incl. 161.0	161.5	0.50	57.60	1.68			
Eau Claire Gold deposit - Average composite gold grades							
Cut off grade		Number of	Length	Average Grade			
Au g/t		Intercepts	m	Au g/t	Au oz/ton		
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.