

# **Business Updates I 2018**

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## **Gamba Report Identifies**

## **Massive Iron Ore Deposits at El Capitan Mine**

Geologist's Study Estimates Inferred Reserves at 480,000,000 Tons of Mineable Iron

Scottsdale, Arizona – El Capitan Precious Metals, Inc., (OTC/QB: ECPN) reported today on the findings of a study conducted by Maria Teresa Gamba that identified a minimum of 480,000,000 tons of inferred reserves of mineable iron at the El Capitan mine site in New Mexico. Maria Gamba, senior geologist from Sinectica Geoenv.Cons. LLC FI USA and author of the report, stated that the Company holds a property with "vast iron ore deposits" and a "massive presence of mineable iron minerals."

Gamba visited and evaluated the property in mid-October of 2017 and, as a result of that field campaign, she concluded that El Capitan is, indeed, a "rich iron ore project" and reported that the "vast iron ore deposits" clearly belong to "the skarn-type iron ore deposits." Skarn deposits are economically valuable as sources of metals such as tin, tungsten, manganese, copper, gold, zinc, lead, nickel and iron.

The letter to the Company from Sinectica Minerea reads, in part:

"As a result of this short field campaign I am able to confirm that El Capitan Project is a vast iron ore deposit who clearly belongs to the skarn-type iron ore deposits.

"The importance of their economic value is evident due to the quality and quantity of the minerals present in the claims. Even when the tonnage needs to be quantified in forthcoming processing campaigns, it is possible to assure millions of mineable tons. Inferred reserves quantified during this prospecting trip had been estimated in a minimum of 480,000,000 tons of mineable iron materials.

"During this campaign, field methodology included geological and structural studies in order to determine the metallogenic model; rock sample and magnetic studies. Geochemical and precious metals analysis were carried out by handheld Olympus Spectrometer... Tonnage calculated in mined minerals, outcrops and profiles.

"Field work confirmed massive presence of mineable iron minerals."

Gamba's credentials are both extensive and impressive. She holds two Masters degrees, including one in Geological Sciences from the University of Buenos Aires, and has submitted her PhD thesis. Gamba is currently Manager in Mining, Geological, Petrophysical and Environmental for Sinectica Associated Consultants LLC.

In her career, Gamba has held several positions with the United Nations, is extensively published (including a 2008 paper which was co-authored with David Davidson) and is well-regarded as both a teacher and lecturer in Argentina. Her field experience as an environmental geologist spans the globe and she has spearheaded Impact Studies and Research Projects across South America for nearly three decades.

Chairman and CEO John F Stapleton stated that this report "represents yet another milestone in quantifying the value of the Company's asset and paves the way to a production plan to monetize these massive amounts of iron ore in combination with previously identified precious metals."

Maria Gamba's CV is included here:

### MARÍA TERESA GAMBA: CURRÍCULUM VITAE

SENIOR GEOLOGIST.

MINING: PROSPECTION, EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

EARTH SCIENCES SPECIALIST, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT.

DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT, DISASTER RISK REDUCTION SPECIALIST. HCT.

EARLY RESPONSE AND POST CRISIS RECOVERY.

#### **PERSONAL DATA**

Last name: Gamba Name: María Teresa

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### ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- Master in Geological Sciences, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1987
- PHD THESIS, "Geology and genetic aspects of Los Guindos Scheelitic District, Córdoba Province, Argentina", University of Buenos Aires, Argentina. 2007
- Master in International Conflict and Resolution. National University of Tres de Febrero. Buenos Aires. Argentina. 2010.
- ☐ Bachelor in Business Administration. 1980. Carlos Pellegrini
- Post-graduated study: The Solid and Fluid Earth, 1988. University of Miami. United States of

### **LANGUAGES**

Fluent in Spanish and English.
Fair: Italian, French and Portuguese.

#### PRESENT PROFESSIONAL POSITION:

**Novem**ber 2016 **to date**: Manager in Mining, Geological, Petrophysical and Environmental Area. Sinectica Associated Consultants LLC.

October 2017 to date: Prospective mining studies and evaluation in Lincoln, Otero County, New Mexico. USA.

## **April 13, 2018**

The News Release in this Business Update was disseminated internationally today.

## El Capitan Precious Metals Reports Breach of Contract by Buyer of Concentrates

**Scottsdale, Arizona** – El Capitan Precious Metals, Inc., (OTC/QB: ECPN) reported today that the Company was informed on March 30, 2018 that the contracted buyer to purchase and process the concentrates from El Capitan Precious Metals had decided not to process the material and, instead, offering to ship the material back to El Capitan Precious Metals.

This information was relayed by legal counsel for the purchaser in response to inquiries by the Company regarding the timely payment for the recovered metal that El Capitan Precious Metals had been informed had been successfully recovered from the concentrate material over the 60 days prior to the contracted payment date.

El Capitan Precious Metals is investigating the matter and will take all necessary and proper steps to pursue civil and criminal litigation of the matter if appropriate upon further investigation once the material is returned.

The Company will provide more details at the 2018 Shareholder Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 23 in Scottsdale, Arizona. It will be held at the Gainey Ranch Golf Club and is scheduled to begin at 10:00 am local time. The meeting agenda will include detailed updates on operations and revenue generation.

## February 26, 2018

The News Release in this Business Update was disseminated internationally today.

## El Capitan Precious Metals Elects Doug Sanders to its Board of Directors

**Scottsdale, Arizona** – El Capitan Precious Metals, Inc., (OTC/QB: ECPN) announced today that Doug Sanders has been elected to serve on its Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Sanders, an El Capitan shareholder for nearly 10 years, brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Company. His experience in construction and project management spans four decades and is both varied and extensive. His career has included work in heavy civil construction and pipeline construction and rehabilitation, with roles and responsibilities running the gamut from Project Manager to Division Manager to Executive VP/General Manager.

The Company has utilized Sanders' expertise in a variety of ways over the past decade—from monitoring off-site sample testing and overseeing ore shipments to building-design consulting at the mine site—and he has served as a consultant and Advisory Board member for several years. Board Chairman John F Stapleton stated that the Board believes Doug Sanders will be a valuable addition and brings a very specific mix of background and experience that complements the existing strengths of the Board.

Sanders will attend the upcoming Shareholder Meeting and Stapleton confirmed that the Company has scheduled its 2018 Shareholder Meeting for Wednesday, May 23 in Scottsdale, Arizona. It will be held at the Gainey Ranch Golf Club and is scheduled to begin at 10:00 am local time. The meeting agenda will include detailed updates on operations and revenue generation.

## **February 19, 2018**

### The El Capitan Board of Directors reports the following updates:

### **Johnson Matthey**

In October of 2017, El Capitan Precious Metals, Inc. sent Johnson Matthey a 3.37-pound ingot. The bar was smelted using copper as a collector for platinum. Johnson Matthey, a world leader in refinery and material science, refined and assayed the material and reported a yield of 5.904 troy ounces of platinum. On January 24, 2018, Johnson Matthey wired net funds of \$4,362.67 to the Company. The Company paid Johnson Matthey \$1,500 in standard processing fees on the transaction.

### **Staking and Filing Additional Mining Claims**

Earlier this month, on February 13, the Company filed additional mining claims with the State of New Mexico on an additional 2,000 acres.

#### 10-K Audit

The Company has engaged the accounting firm of Semple, Marchal & Cooper LLP to complete its 10-K audit. All details are available in the Company's 8-K.

The original audit firm determined that they were unable to complete and certify the El Capitan audit due to the fact that they required a legal opinion from the Company concerning the issuance of stock for services during the prior period of several years. The Company determined that a legal opinion could not be provided without unreasonable effort and expense—if at all. The audit firm resigned the account on February 5, 2018.

The 10-Qs for the prior three quarters have been amended, the 10-K for fiscal year 2017 will be filed as soon as possible. The 10-Q for Q1 of 2018 will be filled immediately after the 10-K filing.

According to Board Chairman John F Stapleton, the challenges in completing the audit will not impact the Company in any way. All necessary extensions have been granted.

### **Shareholder Meeting**

The Company has set a date for its 2018 Shareholder Meeting in May of this year. The scheduling change, from March to May, was made to accommodate the Company's plan to present an expanded meeting agenda that will include detailed operations and revenue update

According to Stapleton, the Company will use those 90 days to "gather product information from operations as well as details on avenues for positive cash flow that is expected to result from the sale of iron ore and precious metals concentrates over the next several months."

The El Capitan Shareholder Meeting will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at the Gainey Ranch Golf Club. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:00 am local time.

### **Resignation of Clyde Smith**

The Company has accepted the resignation of Dr. Clyde Smith from the El Capitan Board effective February 7, 2018. Dr. Smith's decision, as stated in his resignation, was based upon the fact that the Company does not have access to metallurgical data on the recovery process, data which is confidential to the Pilot Plant operator. The Company thanks Dr. Smith for his loyal service to El Capitan Precious Metals, Inc.

### **January 4, 2018**

The News Release in this Business Update was disseminated internationally today.

## El Capitan Precious Metals Executes Contract with Precious Metals Buyer

Scottsdale, Arizona – El Capitan Precious Metals, Inc., (OTC/QB: ECPN) announced today that an agreement was executed in December for the sale of its precious metal hyper-concentrates. El Capitan Chairman and CEO John F Stapleton reported that the Company reached a final agreement with a buyer and has executed a Purchase Agreement for all remaining hyper-concentrates produced by the Pilot Plant from the concentrate materials stored at the bonded warehouse in Tucson, Arizona.

This sale represents the last El Capitan Pilot Program activity. It successfully completes the goals of the Pilot program, as well as demonstrates several small-scale recoveries, (5–15 pounds of hyper-concentrated material recovery of precious metals) proving the recovery technology. This sale of the remaining hyper-concentrated material to the buyer, who will smelt and refine the remaining material, demonstrates recovery and technology on a larger scale.

Per the terms of the agreement, "settlement and payment shall be a minimum of 60 days following receipt of material of sampling completion, should representation be utilized." This transaction protocol utilizes an industry standard: Upon receipt of the concentrates the buyer will assay the material utilizing an outside representative. This assay will be compared to an independent assay performed by El Capitan. If there is a significant difference between the two, an independent umpire will be engaged to resolve the difference. Both parties agree that, in the event of a dispute or discrepancy, the entity's valuation closest to the umpire's will prevail.

The Pilot Program began with the development and testing of a hyper-concentration device built in China in late 2016 and shipped to the United States in the first calendar quarter of 2017. The device was installed and modified to operate in the United States in the second calendar quarter of 2017 and has processed all the concentrates from the Tucson warehouse into hyper-concentrates. After considerable experimentation and modifications during mid-2017, the Company was pleased with the effectiveness of the technology and the end results achieved. The Pilot Program achieved its purpose of proving the technology through precious metals recovery as of the end of 2017.  $\pi$ 

El Capitan is evaluating all the data generated by the Pilot Plant to determine the appropriate pathway to a Production Plan.	to