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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."

## About El Capitan Precious Metals, Inc.:

El Capitan Precious Metals, Inc. is an exploration stage company (as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission's Industry Guide 7) based in Scottsdale, Arizona that is principally engaged in the exploration of precious metals and other minerals. The Company's primary asset is its wholly owned subsidiary El Capitan, Ltd., an Arizona corporation, which holds the 100% equity interest in the El Capitan property located near Capitan, New Mexico. <u>www.elcapitanpmi.com</u>

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