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Emmerson Plc (“Emmerson” or the “Company”)

Exploration Target Demonstrates Large-Scale Potash Potential at Khemisset Project

Emmerson Plc, the Moroccan focused potash development company, is pleased to announce it has defined a significant JORC-compliant Exploration Target* at its 100% owned Khemisset Potash Project in Northern Morocco (“Khemisset” or “the Project”). The Exploration Target, covering an area of approximately 87km² that sits within the recently granted Research Permit area, ranges from 264-616 million tonnes and at the upper end of the scale is more than double the current JORC (2012) Inferred Mineral Resource of 311.4 million tonnes 10.2% K₂O and indicates the significant upside within the Project area.

Highlights

- Exploration Target* of 264-616 million tonnes at an average grade of 5.0-14.0% K₂O has been established immediately to the north east of the existing 311.4 Mt @ 10.2% K₂O JORC (2012) Mineral Resource at Khemisset
- Initial indications of a large-scale project with strong potential to increase the current targeted +20 year mine life
- Exploration Target covers an area of approximately 87km² within the recently granted Research Permits which total 239km² (see RNS 8 August)
- Exploration Target* is supported by historical drilling and assays, geophysical surveys and geological modelling of the Khemisset Potash Basin
- Drilling targeting confirmation of potash thickness and grade is scheduled to start in H2 2019

The Exploration Target* is summarised as follows:

| Prospect | Seam Thickness Range (m) | Area (Ha) | Tonnage Range (Mt) | Grade Range (K₂O %) |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Exploration Target | 1.5 - 3.5 | 8,675 | 264 - 616 | 5.0 - 14.0 |

** Disclaimer: A formal Mineral Resource Estimate in the area of the Exploration Target has not been prepared at this time. The potential quantity and grade of the Exploration Target expressed in this release is conceptual in nature, there has been insufficient exploration to estimate a JORC (2012) Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the estimation of Mineral Resource.*

Hayden Locke, CEO of Emmerson, commented:

“The Khemisset Potash Project already has a large inferred JORC Mineral Resource of 311.4 million tonnes @ 10.2% K₂O, which covers only a small portion of the broader Khemisset Potash Basin.

“We believe our existing JORC-compliant Mineral Resource Estimate is sufficiently large to support a mine life of over 20 years. Successful exploration in the area of the Exploration Target will only strengthen the overall fundamentals of the Project and its multi-decade, multi-generational potential.

“We will seek to test this Exploration Target with drilling beginning in the second half of 2019. In the meantime, the Scoping Study for Khemisset is well underway and we’re confident of delivering it by Q1 2019. We continue to be excited by Khemisset’s potential to be a low capital cost, high margin, potash project delivering outstanding returns, regardless of the potash price.”

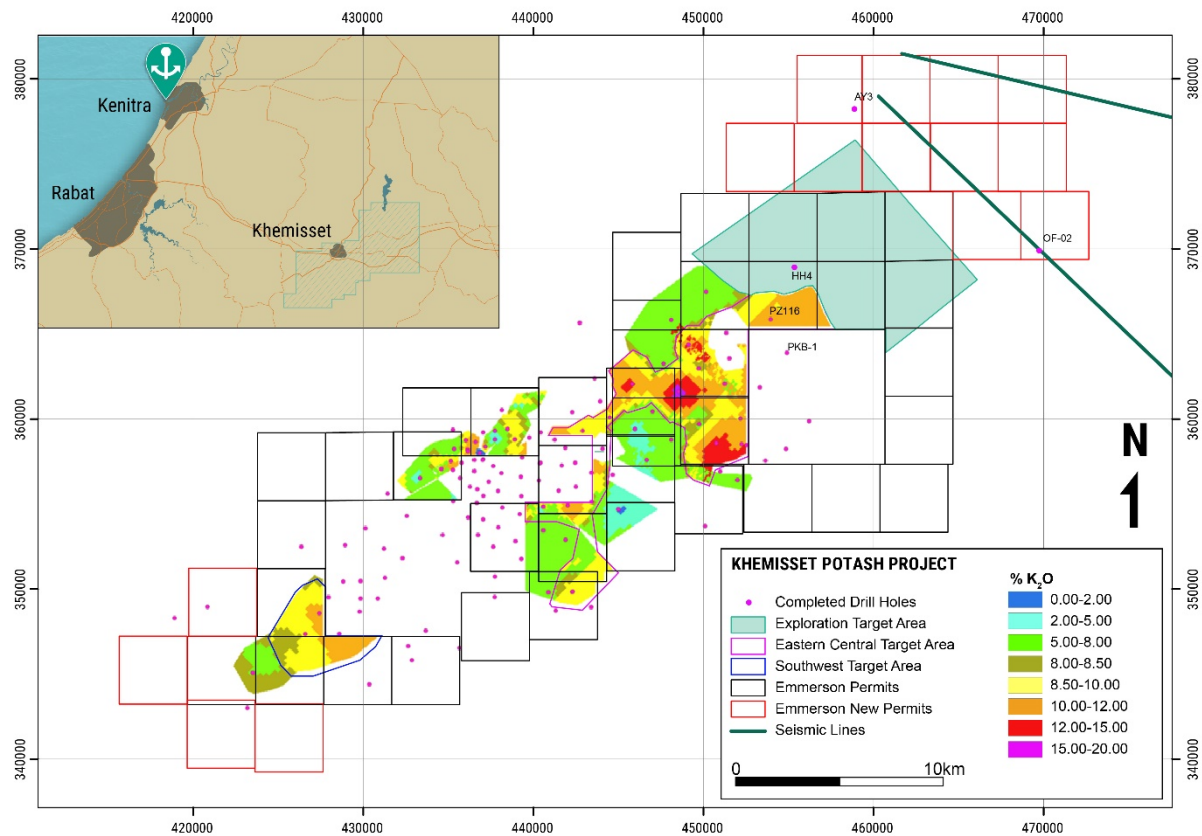


Figure 1: Exploration Target at Khemisset Potash Project

Exploration Target

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Table 1: Exploration Target at Khemisset Potash Project

The Exploration Target is located immediately to the North East of the existing JORC Mineral Resource Estimate. Based on available information, including historical oil drilling and seismic lines, it is believed that potash mineralisation continues in this area. The Exploration Target has been limited to areas where it is believed the potash mineralisation is likely to exist at depths amenable to conventional underground mining. Although the available existing information supports this Exploration Target, it is not considered sufficient to support a JORC (2012) Mineral Resource Estimate at this stage. The Exploration Target will be tested with future exploration as detailed further in this document.

Historical Exploration

The Exploration Target is in the south western section of the Saiss Plain, in northern Morocco. Approximately 30 oil wells were drilled between 1939 and 1954 by Société Chérifienne des Pétroles (“SCP”) and large amount of seismic reflection profiles were also completed covering the Saiss Plain south of the Prerifaine. Four of these historical wells; HH-4, OF-2, AY3 and NS1, two of which are known to have intersected potash, provide insight to the potential endowment of the basin.

A gravimetric study completed by the SCP in the 1950s shows a well-defined NE-SW negative Bouger residual gravity anomaly which defines the extension of the Khemisset Basin for at least 30km to the north east of the current MRE all the way to the Prerifaine Front where oil well hole NS1 intersected potash.

Potash mineralisation as defined in the current 2018 Mineral Resource Estimate as open to the northeast along strike. Historic drill holes PZ116 and PKB-1 located in the far northeast of the Oued Beht sub-basin all intersected significant grade and thickness of potash mineralisation which are summarised in Table 2.

| Drill Hole | From (m) | To (m) | Thickness (m) | Grade (K2O %) | Mineralogy |
|------------|----------|----------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
| PZ116 | 1,022.96 | 1,024.80 | 1.84 | 10.20 | Sylvinite |
| PKB-1 | 1,066.80 | 1,069.39 | 2.59 | 11.39 | Sylvinite/Carnallite |

Table 2: Historic Drill holes in the region of the Exploration Target

Area of Exploration Target

The 8,675 Ha (86.8 km²) Exploration Target (refer Figure 1) which extends for about 7 km to the north east from the existing Mineral Resource Estimate is restricted to areas where the potash seam

is modelled at less than 1,500m below the surface. Emmerson believes 1,500m is the upper depth limit for conventional, underground, room and pillar potash mining. Potash mining at this depth currently occurs at the Boulby Potash Mine in the United Kingdom and has historically occurred at the Sierra del Perdón mine in Spain. The Woodsmith Mine, owned by Sirius Resources, is proposing to mine polyhalite at a depth of 1,500m below surface.

The depth to potash estimate is derived from base of basalt contour model using information from drill holes PKB-1, PZ116 and HH4. It is constrained by the NW and SE basin boundaries determined from historical drilling and seismic surveys.

Seam Thickness Range

The lower seam thickness of 1.5m is defined by the assumed minimum mining width of conventional underground mining. Although some seams have been narrower, with higher grades, the tonnage for Mineral Resource Estimate purposes (which requires a reasonable prospect of economic extraction) would be bulked out to this minimum thickness.

The upper seam thickness is set at 3.5m, which is slightly lower than the widest seam thickness observed in the Oued Beht sub-basin as reported in the Competent Persons Report completed by SRK in June 2018. The mid-point seam thickness of 2.5m corresponds with the average seam thickness for the north eastern Khemisset deposit as documented in the JORC (2012) compliant Mineral Resource Estimate.

Density

The Exploration target is based on the previous data with the expected mineral composition of 75% Sylvinite and 25% Carnallite in the potash seam. Although PZ116, which is the closest drill holes to inform the exploration target, is majority sylvinite, Emmerson believes there is the potential for some carnallite mineralisation.

A bulk density of 2.03t/m³, which factors this mineralogical composition, was used in evaluating the potential tonnage range.

Tonnage Range

The tonnage range is based on a model of 30,450 tonnes/Ha for a 1.5m thick potash seam and 71,050 tonnes/Ha for a 3.5m thick potash seam.

Grade Range

Grade ranges observed in the north eastern extent of the mineral resource estimate range from a low of 5% K₂O up to highs of around 20% K₂O. Historical drill hole PZ88, which is located on the southern edge of the Oued Beht basin intersected 70cm @ 23.1% K₂O. Once bulked out, this would give a 1.5m intercept of over 14% K₂O. PZ81, which is located in the centre of the Oued Beht region included intercepts which, when taken in average, show approximately 1.5m @ 17% K₂O over three distinct intercepts.

As a result, the Company believes it is reasonable to assume that grades encountered in the mineralised zones, once internal dilution is taken into account, would range from a low side of 5% up to a high side of 14%.

Programme to Test Exploration Target

The proposed exploration programme to test the Exploration Targets will:

- Acquire the historical SCP and ONAREP drilling and seismic surveys data within the EML permit areas;
- Integrate the historical data into a 3-D geological model incorporating the results of the recent seismic survey completed in the Oued Beht sub-basin;
- Drill initial 1 to 3 diamond drill hole programme to test the most prospective parts of the Exploration Target as determined by the review of the historical data. This is expected to occur as part of the second drilling programme at Khemisset, which would commence in the second half of 2019.

Competent Persons' Statement

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Targets, Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Mr. Christiano Santos Goncalves, a Competent Person who is a Member and Chartered Professional (CP_Geo 306 079) of *The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy*. Mr. Christiano Santos Goncalves is employed by Golder Associates, and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which they are undertaking to qualify as a CP as defined in the 2012 Edition of the JORC Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results and Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr Christiano Santos Goncalves consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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Notes to Editors

Emmerson's primary focus is on developing the Khemisset Potash Project located in Northern Morocco. The project has a large JORC Resource Estimate (2012) of 311.4Mt @ 10.2% K₂O and significant exploration potential with an accelerated development pathway targeting a low capex, high margin mine. Khemisset is perfectly located to capitalise on the expected growth of African fertiliser consumption whilst also being located on the doorstep of European markets. This unique positioning means the project will receive a premium netback price compared to existing potash producers. The need to feed the world's rapidly increasing population is driving demand for potash and Emmerson is well placed to benefit from the opportunities this presents.

The information contained within this announcement is deemed by the Company to constitute inside information as stipulated under the Market Abuse Regulations (EU) No. 596/2014.

APPENDIX

JORC TABLE 1