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NEWS RELEASE

EASTPLATS ANNOUNCES RESTATEMENT OF THIRD QUARTER OF 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS ("MD&A")

March 20, 2023, Vancouver, British Columbia – Eastplats announced that it has amended and restated its condensed interim consolidated financial statements (the "**Amended and Restated Financial Statements**") for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022 and the corresponding MD&A ("**Amended and Restated MD&A**").

The restatement is due to a change in Eastplats' accounting policies and determination from management of when revenue should be recognized in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards from its contract with Union Goal Offshore Solutions Limited ("**Union Goal**") and its sales of chrome concentrate previously recognized in the third quarter of 2022. The transactions in question involved the monthly production of chrome concentrate at the Company's Crocodile River Mine. Chrome concentrate revenue is recognized when control is transferred to the offtake party, Union Goal, in accordance with the executed updated Retreatment Project Agreements (the "**2021 Updated Retreatment Project Agreements**"), which were signed on March 10, 2021 and include the following:

- (i) The 2021 Revised and Restated Framework Agreement;
- (ii) The 2021 Revised and Restated Offtake Agreement;
- (iii) The 2021 Revised and Restated Eastplats Loan Agreement; and
- (iv) The 2021 Revised and Restated Barplats Equipment and Chrome Plant Agreement.

Previously, and until approximately June 30, 2022, revenue recognition occurred when the chrome concentrate was produced by the chrome processing circuits and related technology equipment, based on the assumption that all chrome concentrate was continually shipped upon production, and that payment from Union Goal was considered probable. However, after re-assessing the probability of future payment by Union Goal, in the third quarter of 2022, Eastplats suspended shipments to Union Goal as a result of continuing non-payment by Union Goal and failure of Union Goal to reduce its significantly long outstanding account. Eastplats began to contract free market sales. As such, these contracts provided transfer of control and revenue recognition as defined by IFRS 15 – Revenue from Contracts with Customers, upon completion of the Company's performance obligations which included delivery of the chrome concentrate off site. Management has concluded that the restatement of its financial results, financial position, and cash flows for the third quarter of 2022 will appropriately address the timing of revenue recognition, along with the related accounts receivable and inventory balances, for these transactions prospectively.

The restatement will reflect the changes in the accounting treatment of these transactions and will result in the reduction of revenues recognized in the third quarter of 2022 and an increase in inventory as at September 30, 2022. Stockpiles at the Crocodile River Mine are surveyed monthly by an independent contractor. Revenue deemed not to have met the re-assessed revenue recognition criteria also results in an adjustment to accounts receivable.

The following table presents the effects of the restatement on the individual line items within the Company's unaudited Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Income (Loss), Condensed Interim Statement of

Comprehensive Income (Loss) and Condensed Interim Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, except for per share amounts.

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2022			Nine Months Ended September 30, 2022		
	As previously reported	Adjustment	As restated	As previously reported	Adjustment	As restated
Revenue	\$17,215	\$(13,623)	\$3,592	\$55,110	\$(13,623)	\$41,487
Production costs	(11,064)	9,357	(1,707)	(37,745)	9,357	(28,388)
Production costs - depreciation	(1,728)	1,728	-	(5,385)	1,728	(3,657)
Mine operating income	4,423	(2,538)	1,885	11,980	(2,538)	9,442
Operating income (loss)	1,597	(2,538)	(941)	2,633	(2,538)	95
Net income (loss) for the period	(4,065)	(2,538)	(6,603)	299	(2,538)	(2,239)
Net income (loss) attributable to equity shareholders of the Company	(4,064)	(2,538)	(6,602)	154	(2,538)	(2,384)
Earnings (loss) per share, basic and diluted	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.05)	0.00	(0.02)	(0.02)
Comprehensive income (loss) for the period	(1,467)	(2,407)	(3,874)	1,163	(2,407)	(1,245)

	As at September 30, 2022		
	As previously reported	Adjustment	As restated
Trade and other receivables	\$30,848	\$(7,964)	\$22,884
Inventories (current) (Note 15)	1,512	10,509	12,021
Deferred revenue (current)	4,648	(1,366)	3,282
Deferred revenue (non-current)	4,525	6,325	10,850

The Company has been in discussions with its advisors about its plan to file the Amended and Restated Financial Statements. Eastplats expects it will file its annual financial statements and MD&A for the year ended December 31, 2022 by the filing deadline of March 31, 2023.

The Company has a primary listing on the Toronto Stock Exchange and a secondary listing on the JSE Limited.

The Company has filed the following documents, under the Company's profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com:

- Amended and Restated condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022; and
- Amended and Restated MD&A for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022.

The Amended and Restated Financial Statements and the Amended and Restated MD&A are available for download at <https://www.eastplats.com/investors/quarterly-reports/F2022/> and are also available on the JSE's website at: <https://senspdf.jse.co.za/documents/2023/JSE/ISSE/EPS/Q322.pdf>.

About Eastern Platinum Limited

Eastplats owns directly and indirectly a number of PGM and chrome assets in the Republic of South Africa. All of the Company's properties are situated on the western limb of the Crocodile River Mine and eastern limb of Kennedy's Vale, Spitzkop and Mareesburg projects within the Bushveld Complex, the geological environment that hosts approximately 80% of the world's PGM-bearing ore.

Operations at the Crocodile River Mine currently include re-mining and processing its tailings resource to produce PGM and chrome concentrates from the Barplats Zandfontein tailings dam.

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In particular, this press release contains, without limitation, forward-looking statements pertaining to filing its financial statements and MD&A for the year ended December 31, 2022 before the filing deadline of March 31, 2023. These forward-looking statements are based on assumptions made by and information currently available to the Company. Although management considers these assumptions to be reasonable based on information currently available to it, they may prove to be incorrect. By their very nature, forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties and readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these statements as a number of factors could cause actual results to differ materially from the beliefs, plans, objectives, expectations, estimates and intentions expressed in such forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, unanticipated problems that may arise in our production processes, commodity prices, lower than expected grades and quantities of resources, need for additional funding and availability of such additional funding on acceptable terms, economic conditions, currency fluctuations, competition and regulations, legal proceedings and risks related to operations in foreign countries.

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