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# Eagle Mountain Mining Ltd

# In the prospective Arizona copper belt

Eagle Mountain Mining Ltd (ASX:EM2) is an Australian copper-gold explorer focused on the exploration and development of the Oracle Ridge Copper Mine and the highly prospective Silver Mountain project, both located in Arizona, USA. The company was established in 2017 and listed on the ASX in March 2018 after raising \$8m at \$0.20/share in an oversubscribed offer to give a market capitalisation at listing of \$18.5m. Subsequently, the company has raised an additional \$29.3m through a series of entitlements issues and share placements to predominantly fund exploration and drilling. The latest share placement announced in February, which raised \$11m at \$0.35/share, is underpinning the company's accelerated drilling programme at Oracle Ridge. The company last week acquired the remaining 20% in Oracle Ridge for 10m shares, increasing Eagle Mountain's JORC resources by 81m pounds of contained copper.

# The Projects

Eagle Mountain holds two assets, the highly prospective 100% owned Silver Mountain project, which was the company's original asset at float, and the Oracle Ridge Copper Mine in which it acquired an 80% stake in November 2019 and moved to 100% in April 2021 after issuing 10m shares to Vincere for its 20% stake. Silver Mountain is located in Arizona, around 100 kms northwest of Phoenix, and encompasses three main prospects, Pacific Horizon, Scarlett and Red Mule. Phase one drilling at Silver Mountain, conducted in 2019, identified highly anomalous assay values with the presence of porphyry indicator minerals including molybdenum and bismuth. The now wholly-owned Oracle Ridge Copper Mine, which lies 30km northeast of Tuscon, has a Mineral Resource of 11.7mt at 1.57% Cu and 17.47g/t Ag containing 409m lbs of copper and 6.6m ounces of silver. Eagle Mountain is undertaking an accelerated drill programme at Oracle Ridge after recent exploration on Leatherwood contact in the southern area of Oracle Ridge demonstrated potential for further strong mineralisation. Since commencing drilling in September 2020, more than 90% of the holes assayed outside the existing JORC resource have intersected mineralisation above the mine's cut-off grade. Recent assays included 34.4% Cu, 367g/t Ag and 26.2g/t AU over 0.4m within a broader zone of 12.7m at 3.96% Cu, 49.1g/t Ag and 1.4g/t Au (March 31, 2021 announcement); and 11.55% Cu, 273g/t Ag, and 5.41g/t Au over 1.5m within a broader zone of 13.3m at 2.43% Cu, 52.6g/t Ag and 0.94g/t Au (December 22, 2020 announcement).

### Accelerated drilling programme underway

Eagle Mountain Mining announced last month that drilling contractor Boart Longyear will supply a second diamond drill rig to the site by 10 May which will deliver a three-fold increase in drilling when both rigs transition to full time drilling from June 2021. The company is planning to have three additional rigs onsite by the end of Q4 2021 for a total of five rigs to accelerate the diamond drilling programme. The aim is to expand the existing JORC Resource, establish a Measured Resource category in the next Mineral Resource estimate and drill test high priority targets, Golden Eagle, OREX, and Red Hawk, which are all within a few kilometres of the existing mine.

#### Pathway to development

The company has a stated goal of defining the pathway for a commercially viable mining operation for the Oracle Ridge project. The project has existing infrastructure in place including underground ventilation, air, water and electrical reticulation services, 18 kilometres of underground workings in close proximity to the existing resource and exploration targets, and an existing tailing storage facility which will need to be expanded prior to the project commencing. The project also has several approved mining permits, although some will need amendment depending on the final project design. The accelerated drilling programme is likely to be the focus for the remainder of CY2021 with the potential for mine development another 12 months following.

# Share details ASX Code EM2 Share Price \$1.26 Market Capitalisation \$243.9M Number of shares 193.6M Options on issue 24.64M Net cash at Feb '21 ~\$1.3M

#### Share price performance (12 months)



#### **Upside Case**

- Existing Oracle Ridge JORC resource has upgrade potential from current drilling program
- Operating in a well known copper belt in the USA
- Management team highly experienced in the region

# **Downside Case**

- Additional equity capital raising likely
- Likely dilution from debt converting to equity
- Exchange rate risk

# Catalysts

- Completion of the accelerated drill programme
- Expanded JORC Resource at Oracle Ridge

# Comparative companies (Australia & NZ)

AIS, AQI, CBY, CCZ, RDM

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