Eastport Provides Semarule-REE Drilling Update

Vancouver, British Columbia--(Newsfile Corp. - April 9, 2026) - Eastport Critical Metals Corp. (TSXV: EVI) (OTCQB: EVIIF) ("Eastport" or the "Company") is pleased to provide an update on its Phase 1 diamond drilling program at the 100%-owned Semarule Rare Earth Element ("REE") Project ("Semarule" or the "Project") in south-central Botswana. Semarule is located approximately 27km north-west of the Capital city, Gaborone.

Highlights

- **Diamond Core Drilling has intersected highly encouraging visual indicators suggesting the presence of a carbonatite system**, including fenite alteration, thick calcite veining, and extensive mafic-rich intervals.

DDH ID	Downhole Depth (m)		Observation
	From	To	
SEM003	21.5	400	mela-syenite with apatite, fenitised zones, calcite & magnetic patches increasingly important with depth
SEM005	24.3	77	mela-syenite, fenite
SEM005	77	312	calc-silicate syenite with zones of mela-syenite at times fenite
SEM006	25.8	350	mela-syenite with apatite, fenitised zones, calcite & magnetic patches increasingly important with depth includes 2.7m fine-grained calcite (sövite) vein at 293m
Note: See Table 1 for Drill Hole Locations			

- **Ground gravity survey over the Semarule Igneous Complex** supports the thesis of a sub-surface carbonatite. Diamond drilling has tested the margins of both a gravity low (drill holes SEM006 & SEM009) and a gravity high (drillholes SEM005 & SEM007) (see Figure 1). These geophysical features are commonly associated with carbonatite deposits in Africa (e.g., Songwe Hill and Kangankunde).

- **Wide-spread surface bedrock sampling continues** across the Semarule Hill syenite. Samples are planned for use in a mineral study.

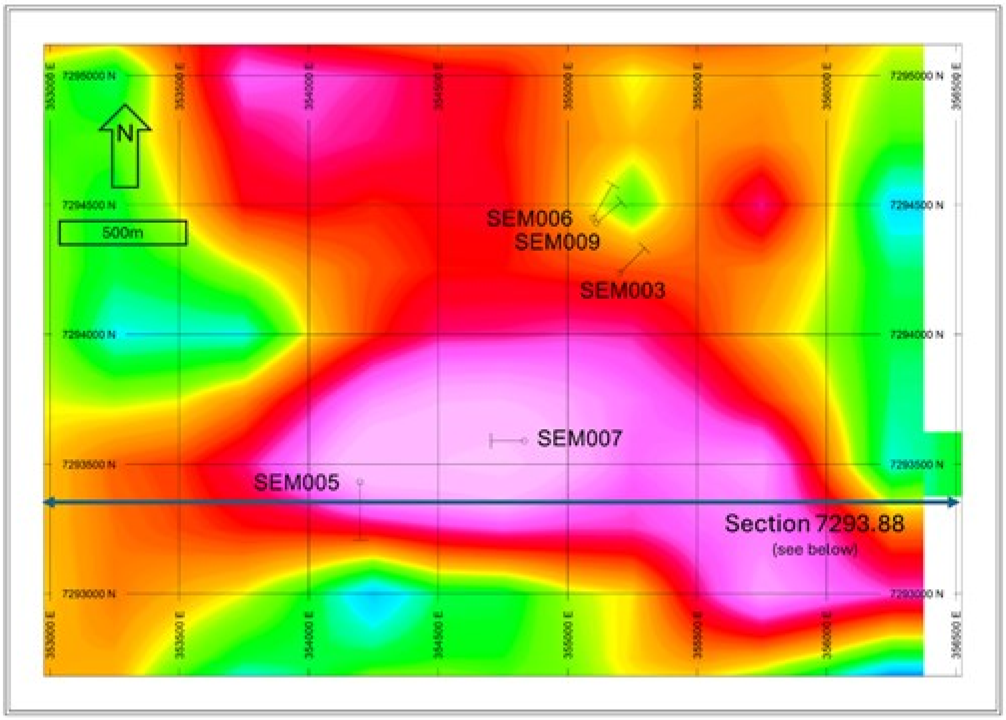
- **An independent mineralogical and metallurgical study** of REE hosting syenite rock samples from the Semarule Igneous Complex is planned, to determine REE deportment, REE recovery potential, and whether near surface syenite material could support a saleable product.

- **The final two holes of the Phase 1 program**, SEM007 (underway) and SEM009, will target the centre of the gravity high and gravity low respectively (see Figure 1). These holes are designed to better constrain the location and geometry of a potential carbonatite system.

Burns Singh Tennent-Bhohi, CEO, commented,

"*What started as a surface syenite target with rare earth anomalies has quickly developed into two clear, high-potential targets at Semarule: an at-surface syenite intrusion that we are preparing to fast-track through a detailed mineralogical and metallurgical study, and a subsurface carbonatite opportunity supported by strong visual drilling results and the recently completed gravity survey.*

The final two holes of Phase 1 will directly test the centres of the gravity low and the gravity high. These holes are critical steps toward vectoring in on and constraining the potential for a carbonatite *system. We look forward to reporting results as soon as they become available"*



Plan view of surface gravity anomaly. Gravity highs: (-127mGal to -124mGal). Gravity lows (-130mGal to -127mGal)

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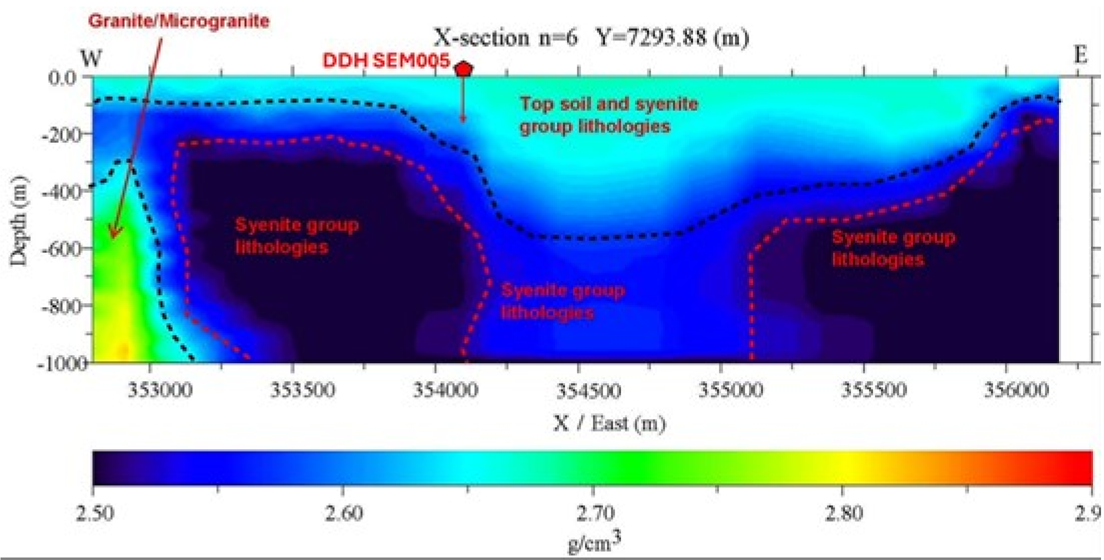

Interpreted Vertical Cross-Section along Section 7293.88 (see above)

Figure 1: Ground Gravity Geophysics Survey and Cross-Section

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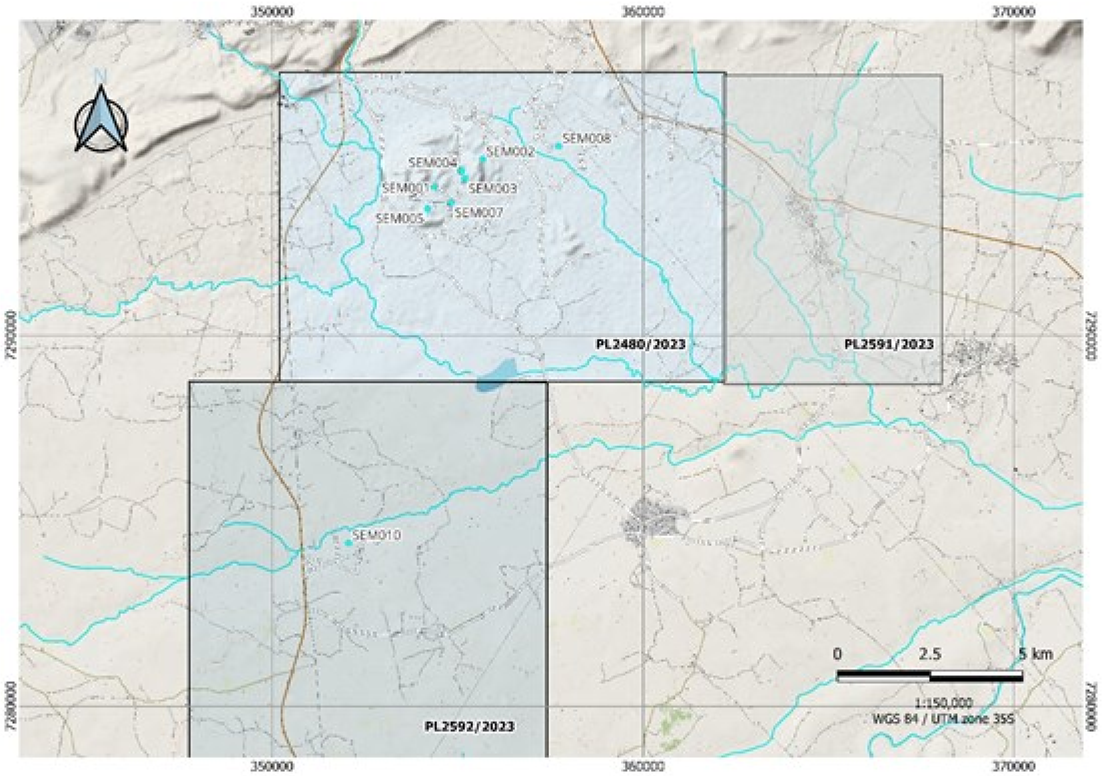
Table 1: Eastport Semarule Phase 1 NQ Diamond Drill Program Hole Details

Completed Drill Holes

Drill Hole ID	UTM East	UTM North	Elevation (m)	Azimuth (deg.)	Dip (deg.)	Final Downhole Depth (m)
SEM003	355200	7294236	1109	45	-70	400.0
SEM004	355093	7294451	1114	135	-70	79.5
SEM005	354198	7293432	1120	180	-50	349.9
SEM006	355098	7294450	1114	30	-65	350.0
SEM008	357720	7295115	1077	90	-65	100.0
SEM010	352065	7284410	1105	360	-65	200.0
					Total Drilled	1,479.4
In Progress / Planned Drill Holes						
Drill Hole ID	UTM East	UTM North	Elevation (m)	Azimuth (deg.)	Dip (deg.)	Planned Downhole Depth (m)
SEM007	354831	7293590	1100	180	-65	200.0
SEM009	357400	7296180	1096	360	-65	125.0

Table notes: UTM Zone 35S WGS84 Datum. See Figure 2 for location of the drill holes. Diamond core diameter NQ (47.6 mm).



Map Projection: UTM Zone 35S WGS84 Datum.

Figure 2: Map showing the locations of the Semarule Diamond Drill Program Holes with Licence Boundaries over Topography

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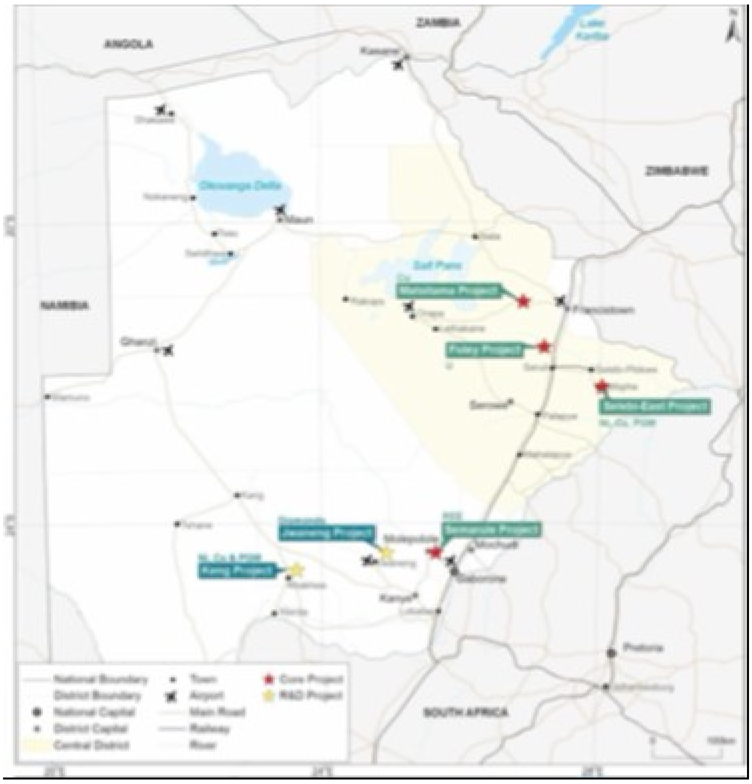

Eastport Critical Metals Corp: Project Location Map

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Gravity Survey Parameters

Exploration Geophysics Pty Ltd., completed a reconnaissance ground gravity survey over a 4 x 4km block overlying the Semarule Igneous Complex (SIC), located within Eastport Ventures Botswana's license number PL2480/2023 near Molepolole, Botswana.

The reconnaissance gravity survey was conducted using the following parameters:

- Station spacing: 500 m
- Line spacing: 500 m

This survey was aimed at delineating targets for Rare Earth Elements (REE) and any other minerals. The surveys were conducted between 19th and 26th February 2026. A total of 80 gravity stations over approximately 5600Ha were surveyed.

About Eastport Critical Metals Corp. (TSXV: EVI) (OTCQB: EVIIF)

Eastport is a critical minerals development company advancing five projects in Botswana, with cumulative historical and current expenditures approaching CAD$20 million. The Company's most advanced asset is the Matsitama Copper Project, which hosts multiple sizeable targets across the Matsitama copper district.

The Company's additional projects include Selebi East, a nickel-copper-cobalt project located seven kilometres east of the historic Selebi Mines; the Semarule Rare Earth Elements Project, positioned within the Gaborone-Molepolole corridor; the Foley Uranium Project, adjoining the Letlhakane uranium deposit; and the Keng Project, which targets nickel, copper and PGE's on the northern margin of the Molopo Farms Complex.

Botswana is widely regarded as one of Africa's strongest mining jurisdictions, combining the continent's highest GDP per capita with a 50-year track record of large-scale mineral development since the Orapa diamond discovery in 1967. The country ranks among the top performers globally on the Fraser Institute's Investment Attractiveness Index and is the highest-rated jurisdiction in Africa on the Policy Perception Index. These rankings reflect Botswana's stable regulatory environment, consistent rule of law, and long-standing support for responsible mineral development - factors that have underpinned significant investment and major M&A activity in the natural resources sector in recent years.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

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In making the forward looking statements in this news release, the Company has applied several material assumptions, including without limitation, that: the Company will obtain the required regulatory approvals for the Offering; the Company's exploration and development programs will proceed as planned; commodity prices for critical metals will remain at levels sufficient to support continued exploration activities; the Company will continue to have access to the necessary permits, equipment and qualified personnel to conduct its exploration programs; the Company's critical metal's portfolio will continue to present viable opportunities for value creation; and the Company will use the proceeds of the Offering as currently anticipated. Although management of the Company has *attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements or forward-looking information, there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that such statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements and forward-looking information. Readers are cautioned that reliance on such information may not be appropriate for other purposes. The Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking statement, forward-looking information or financial outlook that are incorporated by reference herein, except in accordance with applicable securities laws.*

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