

# SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT SETS LITHIUM PRODUCTION ROYALTY RATE AT 3%

VANCOUVER, BC, Oct. 6, 2025 /CNW/ - **EMP Metals Corp.** (CSE: EMPS) (OTCQB: EMPPF) ("**EMP Metals**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to announce that amendments proposed to *The Subsurface Mineral Royalty Regulations, 2017* have been approved as of September 24, 2025 and accordingly, the provincial royalty rate for lithium production in the province will be fixed at 3%.<sup>1</sup>

These amendments officially define a Crown royalty framework for the sale of lithium produced from natural brine aquifers, superseding related provisions contained in any Saskatchewan subsurface mineral lease. The new royalty framework sets a Crown royalty rate of three per cent (3%) of the value of brine mineral sales, with a two-year holiday for new productive capacity. The rate set is consistent with Saskatchewan's Crown royalties for potash, salt and sodium sulphate, while the overall system is competitive with other leading jurisdictions developing lithium from deep natural brine aquifers.

Karl Kottmeier, CEO of EMP Metals, commented, "This is very welcome news. The government of the province of Saskatchewan has once again proven itself to be supportive of lithium production in the province. This is a highly competitive royalty rate internationally and a two-year royalty holiday on new production immediately makes a positive impact on financial modelling of what is already a compelling business case for our Project Aurora lithium production project."

## About EMP Metals

EMP is a Canadian-based lithium exploration and development company focused on large-scale resources using direct lithium extraction (DLE). EMP currently holds over 205,000 net acres (83,000 hectares) of Subsurface Dispositions and strategic wellbores in Southern Saskatchewan.

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