



Linear Metals Increases Nyanza Gold and Base Metal Property Portfolio By 60%

August 22, 2011 - *Halifax, NS* – **Linear Metals Corporation (TSX: LRM)** is pleased to announce that the Company's applications for additional mineral rights covering 668 square kilometres (km²) in the Nyanza Region of Kenya has been approved. The Sotik License, located approximately 40 kilometres ("km") to the east of the Company's existing land package, is the largest license acquired and represents an area of 658 km². Two smaller licenses, covering 10 km² of open "fractions" and flanking areas contiguous to the Company's extensive existing land holdings, have also been granted to the Company. These licenses, together with Linear's additional license applications pending as of this date, cover what is believed to be the last "open" portions of the Nyanza-Migori greenstone belts in south-western Kenya. Linear now controls over 1,600 km² of this prospective greenstone belt, covering numerous gold, base metal, and iron occurrences, with applications pending for an additional 500 km².

Linear's Chief Executive Officer, Brian MacEachen, commented, "We are very pleased to have completed the significant additions to, and consolidation of, our extensive Kenyan land package in this highly prospective area of an under-explored greenstone belt. We have increased the size of our property portfolio by 60% with Linear now controlling over 1,600 square kilometres of the belt which makes this an even greater district scale opportunity. This strategic package is dotted with artisanal and colonial workings and is host to an abundance of high grade gold occurrences and quality targets. Our initial work program is progressing well with positive results from our geophysics and geochemistry and we look forward to reporting assay results from our on-going trenching and drill programs."

Sotik License Grant

The newly granted Sotik License covers a large strip of greenstone belt that is exposed in an erosional "window" between Proterozoic Bukobian cover to the west, and largely Tertiary volcanic cover to the east. The window extends approximately 44 km in a north-south direction and is up to 11 km wide. This strip of greenstone belt hosts numerous artisanal gold workings and is located proximal to the town of Sotik, a local supply centre. The Kenyan Geologic Survey also reports the occurrence of what it interpreted as "detrital gold" from the basal conglomerate of the Bukobian cover sequence, suggesting possible erosion of nearby outcropping gold mineralization hosted in the Nyanzian greenstone.

This press release was prepared under the supervision of Matthew Ian Rees, M.Sc., P.Geo., VP Exploration for Linear Metals, who is a Qualified Person as defined under National Instrument 43-101. Mr. Rees has reviewed the scientific and technical information in this press release.

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