

Exploring for Gold and Base Metals in Virginia

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## **Aston Bay Holdings**





Drilling at Buckingham Gold Project, Virginia, April 2019

Aston Bay Holdings is a US-focused exploration company advancing base metals and gold assets in Virginia. These properties are located within an underexplored gold-copper-zinc mineralized belt, which has historically hosted both gold and base metals deposits.

Aston Bay has made two new discoveries in the belt: **SEDEX copper-zinc** and **mesothermal gold**. The company is working to "rediscover" the potential of a historic (pre-1850s) gold belt. Drilling is planned for summer 2022 on high-priority targets.

The Company also owns a 100% interest in the high-grade Storm Copper Project and the Seal Zinc Deposit in Nunavut, recently optioned to American West Metals (ASX: AW1). American West and Aston Bay recently reported results of ore sorting test work that returned over 53% copper for a direct shipping product from the Storm Copper Project.

## **Industry-Recognized Technical Team**





# **Thomas Ullrich** CEO, *Director*

Former Chief
Geologist North
America for
Antofagasta Minerals
Former Senior
Geologist for
Almaden Minerals; on
the Ixtaca Ag-Au
deposit discovery
team



## **Donald Taylor** *Advisor*

Founder, Jack's Fork
Exploration, vendor of
the Virginia
exploration assets
2018 Thayer Lindsley
Award winner for his
discovery of the Taylor
Pb-Zn-Ag Deposit
CEO Titan Mining,
Director Solaris

Resources



# **Lamont Leatherman**

**Advisor** 

Former Senior
Geologist, Jack's Fork
Exploration
Over 30 years
of experience in the
district, including
several discoveries,
two currently in
development



## Elaine Ellingham Advisor

Former Director,
Jack's Fork
Exploration
President and CEO
Omai Gold Mines,
Director at Alamos
Gold Inc. and
Almaden Minerals Ltd

## Why Aston Bay Holdings and Virginia?



#### **Jurisdiction**

- Excellent access to infrastructure: road, power and rail
- Private land no additional drill permitting required
- Ability to drill year-round; attractive cost of drilling (approx. C\$250/metre (all-in))

#### **Proven Technical Team**

- Leverage Don Taylor's expertise, experience and relationships
  - Lead discovery team of the Taylor Pb-Zn-Ag Deposit in Arizona; U\$\$1.6 billion sale of Arizona Mining to South32
- Local resident geologist for on-the-ground support, US-based geological and drill teams
- Capitalize on Tom Ullrich's experience as
   Sr. Geologist for Almaden Minerals; part of the discovery team on the Ixtaca Ag-Au deposit

### **Unique Land Package**

- Acquisition of Don Taylor's private company, with exclusive database
  - Vetted Au-Cu-Zn exploration targets

#### **Underexplored Potential**

- Two new discoveries using modern exploration methods:
  - a large-scale SEDEX copper-zinc discovery at the Mountain Project
  - a high-grade mesothermal gold vein at the Buckingham Project
- Little exploration since 1850 underscores the brownfields potential
  - Proven gold in shallow pre-1850s workings in a historically prolific gold belt, but unexploited at depth due to lack of technology and capital

Virginia
Gold
Projects



## **Virginia Gold Projects**



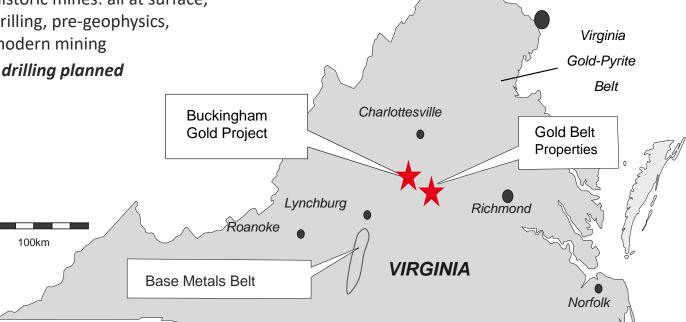
Washington D.C.

**Buckingham Gold Project** (New Gold Vein Discovery)

- High grade, steeply dipping mesothermal-style gold vein (e.g. Kirkland Lake, etc.)
  - 35.61 g/t Au over 2.03m\*
  - 24.73 g/t over 3.57m incl. 62.51 g/t over 1.39m\*
- 2022 drilling planned

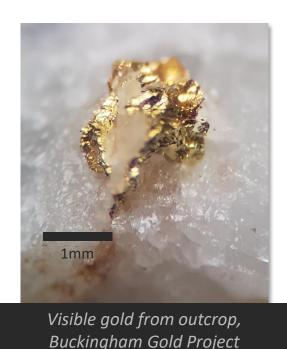
**Gold Belt Properties** (Brownfields)

- "Most notable gold-mining region in the US, before the California Gold Rush in 1849"
- 287 historic mines: all at surface, pre-drilling, pre-geophysics, pre-modern mining
- 2022 drilling planned



## **Buckingham Gold Project - New Discovery**





## Why mesothermal gold is significant

- High grade potential in ore shoots
- Low impact underground mining methods
- Significant potential down-dip and along-strike extent
- Examples: Kirkland Lake and Red Lake, ON, lode gold deposits

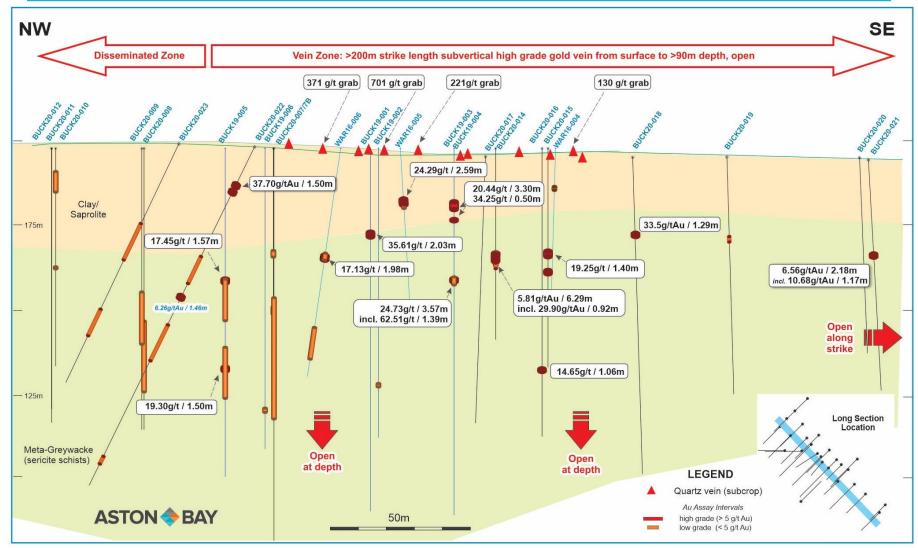
- New discovery, high-grade gold at surface
  - up to **701 g/t Au** in surface grab samples: white quartz with visible gold
- 23 holes drilled in 2019-2020 programs
  - Gold in quartz veins (mesothermal/orogenic) 35.61 g/t Au over 2.03m\*\* 20.44 g/t over 3.30m and 34.25 g/t over 0.5m\*\* 24.73 g/t over 3.57m incl. 62.51 g/t over 1.39m\*\*
- Open along strike (>200m) and at depth (>90m)
- Additional 532 prospective acres recently added along strike to southeast
- Potential strike length of vein over one mile
- 2022 drilling planned: down dip and SE extensions

<sup>\*\*</sup>widths indicated are core length

## **Buckingham Gold Project**

## Open Along Strike and At Depth





Buckingham Long-Section (View NE) with Select Au Assay Intervals

<sup>\*\*</sup>assuming a 72° NE dip on the quartz vein, true interval width is 80%

## **Virginia Gold Belt Property (Brownfields)**





- White quartz veins with iron oxide, pyrite and gold in historic workings; adjacent to prolific placer stream
- Proven gold producing site:
  - >800m reported strike length in historic workings but mined to depth of only ~30m
- 1850s mining: lacked technology and capital to mine deeper at that time – opportunity for additional gold at depth
- Target: drill underneath the shallow workings to test unmined depth extents
- 2022 drilling planned

Quartz vein float samples, Brownfields Gold Project

# Base Metal Projects

Mountain Cu-Zn Project, VIRGINA

Storm Copper Project, NUNAVUT



#### **Base Metals Overview**

#### Canada and the U.S.



Base Metals
Belt
(Virginia)

VMS, SEDEX and BHT type prospects over a 100km long trend:

2.77% Cu, 0.94% Zn over 5m, and 1.17% Cu, 5.23% Zn over 2.25m\*

- New SEDEX discovery: Mountain Cu-Zn Project
- Negotiations underway for two prospective SEDEX properties

Storm Copper Project (Nunavut)  High-grade, near-surface sediment hosted copper with intersections including:

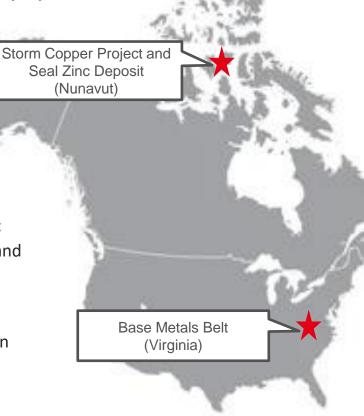
110m @ 2.45% Cu from surface; and 56.3m @ 3.07% Cu from 12.2m

2022 drill program to commence in June

Seal Zinc Deposit (Nunavut) Polaris-style zinc, 1MT 10% Zn and 46.5 g/t Ag in NI 43-101 resource, with intersections including:

18.8m @ 10.58% Zn, 28.7g/t Ag from 51m; and 22.1m @ 6.62% Zn, 27.1g/t Ag from 27.1m

Storm and Seal projects are under an option agreement with American West Metals Limited to earn an 80% interest



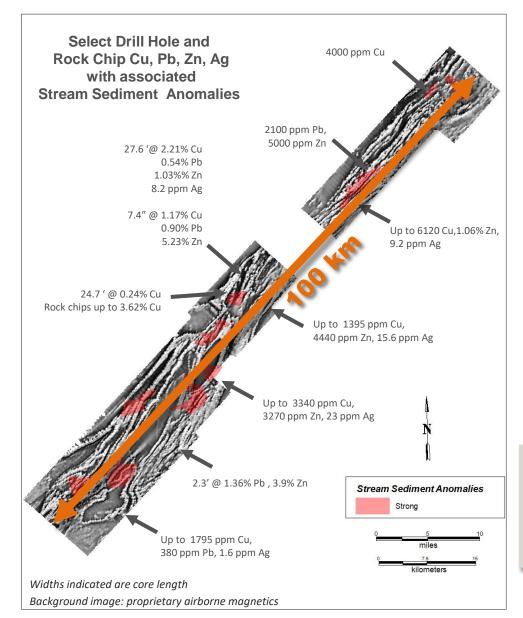
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> using a cut-off of 4% zinc equivalent

## **An Underexplored Base Metals Belt**

## Significant Grade, Drill-Ready Targets





- 100km mineralized trend in southcentral Virginia
- New SEDEX discovery in unrecognized SEDEX belt: Mountain Zinc-Copper Project
- Proprietary data:
  - 1.2M acre airborne EM/Mag survey
  - Regional stream sediment survey
  - Regional rock chip sampling
  - Drill data from sparse exploratory holes
- Significant intercepts in <u>limited</u>
   <u>historical drilling with no follow-up</u>
- Drill-ready targets at several properties

## Why SEDEX deposits are significant

- Important source of base metals
- Size/grade potential and consistency
- Camp potential, multiple occurrences
- Examples: Sullivan, BC, and Red Dog, Alaska

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## **Mountain Cu-Zn Project - New SEDEX Discovery**



- 3,746m drilled in 10 drill holes (6 holes reported; 4 holes pending)
- Zn-Cu-Pb mineralization in all holes
- Stacked zones of disseminated and semi-massive sphalerite and minor chalcopyrite, with pyrite and pyrrhotite, hosted within metamorphosed carbonate rocks
- Mineralization suggests a SEDEX deposit model, a style of mineralization previously unrecognized in central Virginia
- New SEDEX district, several untested properties



Chalcopyrite and sphalerite in core from October 2021 drilling, Mountain Project

Table 1: Significant zinc mineralization intercepts for initial six drill holes, Mountain Zinc-Copper Project, Virginia

Drill hole	From (m)	To (m)	Interval* (m)	Zinc (%)			
ABM-001	278.06	279	0.94	1.58			
and	283	294.4	11.4	0.46			
including	283	286.23	3.23	0.79			
ABM-002	127.5	128.5	1	1.05			
and	333	342.36	9.36	0.49			
including	338	340	2	1.31			
ABM-003	257.37	261.95	4.58	1.40			
ABM-004	106.8	110	3.2	0.74			
including	108	110	2	1.06			
ABM-005	237.53	243	5.47	0.58			
including	237.53	240.08	2.55	1.03			
ABM-007**	257.75	258.57	0.82	1.14			
and	291.5	291.76	0.26	3.70			
ABM-008	assays pending						
ABM-009	assays pending						
ABM-010	assays pending						
ABM-011	assays pending						

<sup>\*</sup>core intervals are not true width

<sup>\*\*</sup>ABM-006 was abandoned due to bad drilling conditions near surface, replaced by nearby collar and drilled as ABM-007

## **Storm Copper Project, Nunavut**

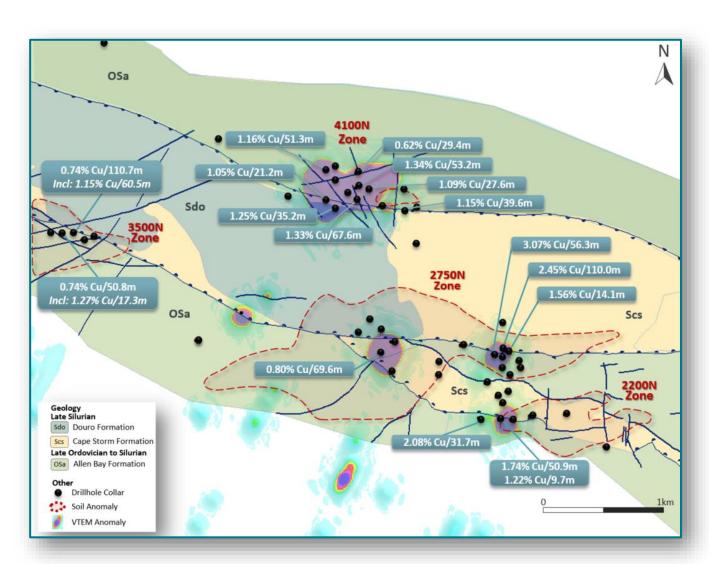


High-grade, nearsurface sediment hosted copper deposit with intersections including:

- 110m @ 2.45% Cu from surface; and
- 56.3m @ 3.07% Cu
   from 12.2m

American West Metals (AWM) has option to earn an 80% interest by spending a minimum of C\$10M on qualifying exploration expenditures (over a 9-year period)

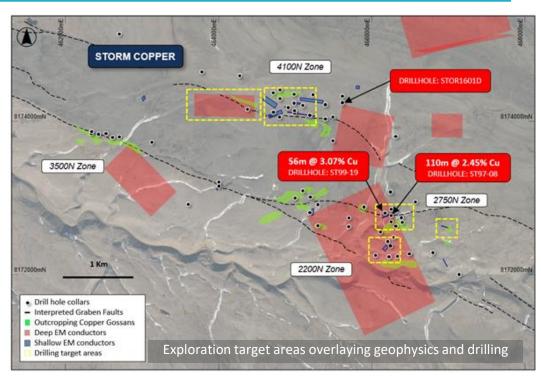
AWM is the operator



# **Storm Project – Attractive 53% Copper Direct Shipping (DS) Product**



- Test work using a full-scale ore sorter has successfully generated a potential direct shipping product with a grade of 53.9% copper (estimated to be dominantly chalcocite with little to no impurities)
- Potential DS product has excellent ESG outcomes with a low footprint, environmentally friendly processing and simple, low-cost development
- Resource definition drilling and exploration program with the aim of defining a maiden copper resource and defining new zones of mineralization through testing of new high-priority anomalies at Storm is expected to commence in June 2022





## **Upcoming Catalysts**



- Buckingham Gold Property (New Discovery)
  - Proposed follow-up drilling on down-dip and along-strike extensions in 2022
- Virginia Gold Belt Property (Brownfields potential rediscovery)
  - Proposed drilling underneath significant past producer in 2022
  - Continued evaluation of historic gold properties in belt
- Base Metals Belt (SEDEX Discovery at Mountain Project)
  - Drilling competed, SEDEX discovery confirmed; four drill holes pending
  - Negotiations for other prospective SEDEX properties underway
- Storm Copper Project
  - Partner-funded 2022 drill program (anticipated to commence in June) focused on resource definition, expansion of mineralization and drilling of new untested targets

Share Structure As of April 28, 2022

	Millions
Basic Shares Outstanding	178.4
Options (Avg. price \$0.11)	13.8
Warrants (Avg. price \$0.12)	49.9
Fully Diluted Shares Outstanding	242.1
Market Capitalization	8.0

Appendix

## **Timeline: Virginia Projects**



Portfolio focused on advancing drill-ready copper-zinc and gold projects in 2022.

2018

- Acquired Don Taylor's Jacks Fork Exploration
- Appointed Don Taylor to Advisory Board

2019

- Signed exploration agreement for Buckingham Gold (Vein) Project
- Commenced drilling at Buckingham Project with 900m program
- Announced discovery at Buckingham:
   35.61 g/t Au over
   2.03m and 24.73 g/t over 3.57m including
   62.51 g/t over 1.39m (open along strike and at depth)
- Signed agreement with major timber company for strategic properties in Virginia

2020

 Completed 2,000m drill program at Buckingham: 33.5 g/t Au over 1.29m and 37.7 g/t Au over 1.5m in 150m extension of Buckingham Vein; still open along strike and at depth 2021

- Options Storm
   Copper Project and
   Seal Zinc Deposit
   (Nunavut) to
   American West
   Metals Limited;
   ground EM program
- Signed exploration agreement for Mountain Copper-Zinc Project, Virginia
- Commenced drilling at Mountain Project with initial 1,500m program
- Discovered SEDEX style Cu-Zn mineralization at Mountain Project; land pkg expanded and program extended to 2,500m

- 2022
- Mountain Project:
  land pkg further
  expanded and
  program extended to
  3,500m; final assay
  results pending,
  negotiations for other
  SEDEX properties
  ongoing
- Brownfields Gold Project: proposed drill program to test downdip extensions of historic shallow workings
- Buckingham Gold Vein: land package expanded Q1, proposed drill program to test downdip and alongstrike extensions to high grade gold discovery

## **Buckingham Project Drilling Highlights**



#### Select Significant Gold Intercepts from Buckingham Project (2019/2020 Drill Season)

Drill Hole	(m)	(m)	Length (m)	True Width (m)	g/t Au
BUCK19-001	36.40	38.43	2.03	1.62	35.61
BUCK19-003	23.20	26.50	3.30	2.64	20.44
and	30.90	31.40	0.50	0.40	34.25
BUCK19-004	55.73	59.30	3.57	2.85	24.73
including	56.51	57.90	1.39	1.11	62.51
BUCK19-005	56.73	58.30	1.57	1.25	17.45
and	95.00	96.50	1.50	1.20	19.30
BUCK20-014	44.71	51.00	6.29	5.03	5.81
including	45.43	46.35	0.92	0.74	29.90
BUCK20-015	44.60	47.00	2.40	1.92	4.47
and	53.00	54.40	1.40	1.12	19.25
BUCK20-016	95.70	96.76	1.06	0.85	14.65
BUCK20-018	35.31	36.60	1.29	1.03	33.50
BUCK20-020	38.10	40.28	2.18	1.74	6.56
including	38.53	40.28	1.75	1.40	8.07
including	39.11	40.28	1.17	0.94	10.68
BUCK20-022b	15.50	17.00	1.50	1.20	37.70

• 2022 exploration program to follow up on significant intercepts: vein open along strike and at depth. Over one mile (1.6 km) potential strike length.

<sup>\*\*</sup>assuming a 72° NE dip on the quartz vein, true interval width is 80%

## **Storm Copper, Nunavut**



#### **High-grade copper discovery:**

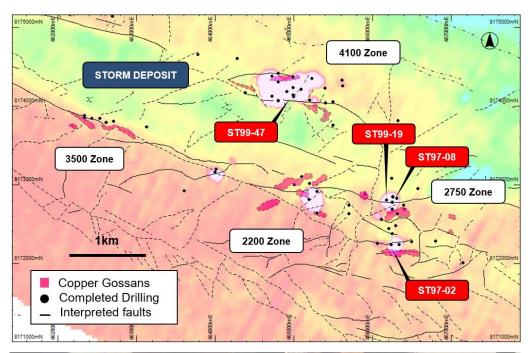
- Multiple thick, high-grade copper zones identified across 15km2 with intersections that include:
  - **15m @ 4.24% Cu from surface** (ST97-02)
  - **110m @ 2.45% Cu from surface** (ST97-08)
  - **56.3m @ 3.07% Cu from 12.2m** (ST99-19)
  - **11.5m @ 4.75% Cu from 75.9m** (ST99-47)

#### **Drill ready targets:**

- Numerous surface gossans remain untested
- Clear geophysical response of mineralization in electromagnetics and gravity with numerous geophysical targets yet to be drilled
- Interpreted extensions to deposit ready for drilling in 2022 season
- Untested EM targets potential for additional discovery

#### **Regional trend:**

 Numerous underexplored targets/prospects within the 120km strike length of the mineralized trend on 302,725 hectares land package on Somerset Island, Nunavut





## **Seal Zinc Deposit, Nunavut**



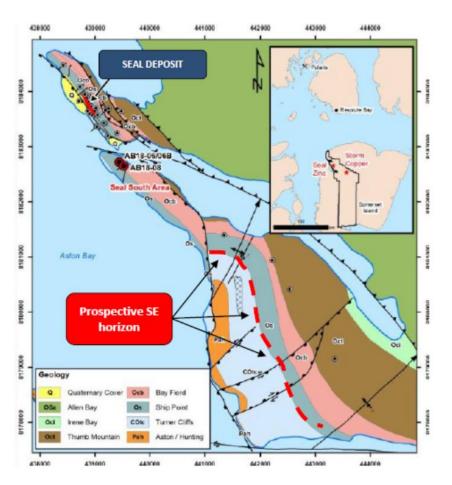
#### High-grade zinc discovery with maiden resource:

- Stratabound, Polaris-type/MVT deposit
- Thick intersections include:
  - 18.8m @ 10.58% Zn, 28.7g/t Ag from 51m
  - 22.1m @ 6.62% Zn, 27.1g/t Ag from 27.1m
  - 30.8m @ 5.11% Zn, 23g/t Ag from 101m
  - 3.5m @ 15.13% Zn, 91.9g/t Ag from 91.9m
- NI 43-101 compliant resource :
  - 1Mt @ 10.24% Zn for 103kt Zn, 1.5Moz Ag

#### Strong potential for more discoveries:

- Mineralised trend interpreted to continue along strike from inferred resource deposit
- Widespread Zn soil anomalies associated with prospective stratigraphy provide drill ready targets
- Excellent potential to grow the maiden resource





**Above:** Aerial photo of Somerset Island, Aston Bay showing the location of the Seal Deposit.

**Left:** Plan view map of the Seal deposit showing geology, and prospective areas for more mineralisation.

## Storm Copper and Seal Zinc, Nunavut



"Congo-style" high-grade copper and zinc; partner-funded drill program proposed in 2022.

1994-2001

- High-grade, at-surface copper and zinc discovery by Cominco
- >9,000 metres drilling, mapping, ground and airborne geophysical surveys conducted by Teck /Cominco

2001-2011

- Teck exits Canadian Arctic, claims lapse
- Commander
  Resources restakes
  claim block and
  conducts airborne
  VTEM survey

2014-2018

- Aston Bay acquires 100% of Storm and Seal Projects
- Exploration agreements with Antofagasta and BHP
- BHP funds 2016 drill program (1,951m, highlight 16m @ 3.1% Cu)
- Aston Bay funds 2017 regional airborne gravity survey
- Aston Bay funds 2018 drill program (3,135m, highlight 20.5m @ 0.6% Cu)

2021

- Options Storm
  Copper Project and
  Seal Zinc Deposit
  (Nunavut) to
  American West
  Metals Limited (AW):
  \$500k cash payment,
  \$10M expenditure to
  earn 80%
- AW funds ground EM program; numerous untested shallow and deeper broad conductive targets discovered

2022

- Ore sorter test work yields direct shipping product with a grade of 53.9% Cu
- Planning underway for proposed AWfunded summer 2022 drill program, with focus on two fronts:
  - expand known mineralized zones to define nearsurface resources
  - drill new targets for discovery



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