

Discovering High-Grade Copper and Gold in North America

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About Aston Bay Holdings





Drilling at Buckingham Gold Project, Virginia, April 2019

Aston Bay Holdings is an exploration company **discovering high-grade copper and gold assets in North America**.

Canada: Copper and Zinc in Nunavut

- 100% interest in the high-grade Storm Copper Project and the Seal Zinc Deposit in Nunavut (Canada), which has been optioned to ASX-listed American West Metals
 - Recent drilling high-grade copper at surface (41m* @
 4.2% copper); beneficiation tests yield 53.9% copper for a direct shipping product; excellent ESG qualities; actively advancing toward production
 - Discovery of "Congo-style" sediment hosted copper mineralization – significant upside

US: Gold, Copper and Zinc in Virginia

- Underexplored gold/copper/zinc mineralized belt
- Aston Bay has two new discoveries in the belt:
 - High-grade mesothermal gold vein (24.73 g/t Au over 3.57m* including 62.51 g/t Au over 1.39m*) – significant down-dip and along strike potential
 - SEDEX style copper-zinc mineralization: size and grade discovery potential

Industry-Recognized Technical Team and Partner













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American West Metals
Limited (ASX: AW1) is a
new Australian company
focused on growth
through the discovery
and development of
major base metal mineral
deposits in Tier 1
jurisdictions of North
America (operator at
Storm Copper Project,
Nunavut).

Why Aston Bay Holdings?



Tier 1 Mining Jurisdictions

Strong Technical Teams

- Canada: large targets with underexplored potential; ability to finance with flow-through; well understood permitting regime
- **US**: underexplored SEDEX belt; 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))
- Canada: Led by exploration partner, American West Metals: highly experienced exploration and development team
- US: Leverage Don Taylor's technical experience and relationships
 - Lead discovery team of the Taylor Pb-Zn-Ag Deposit in Arizona; US\$1.6 billion sale
- Capitalize on Tom Ullrich's previous experience at Antofagasta and Almaden Minerals; North American base metals experience and part of the discovery team on the Ixtaca Ag-Au deposit

Recent Discoveries within Large Land Position

- High-grade near-surface copper and hidden sediment-hosted copper discovery at the Storm
 Project in Nunavut
 - Actively advancing toward production, upside potential from 302,725-hectare land package
- New high-grade mesothermal/orogenic gold vein and new SEDEX zinc-copper belt and in Virginia
 - Two recent discoveries, highly prospective for more, >2,004-hectare private lands under agreement

Storm Copper Project

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High Grade Copper Discovery with Two Emerging Growth Stories:

1. High-grade, near-surface copper advancing toward production

 Historical intersections in four large near- or at-surface zones, including:

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

2022 drill program intersections including:
 41m* @ 4.18% Cu from 38m (ST22-05); and
 48m* @ 2.92% Cu from 8m (ST22-02)

Advancing toward maiden resource, ore sorting operation

2. Further significant discovery potential: sediment hosted copper

- 68.8m of chalcopyrite, pyrite and sphalerite mineralization intersected from 277m downhole in drill hole (ST22-10) at margin of EM anomaly
- Geologic model confirmed: analogous to Central African copper style mineralization
- Several large EM anomalies remain untested

Nunavut

Storm Copper Project

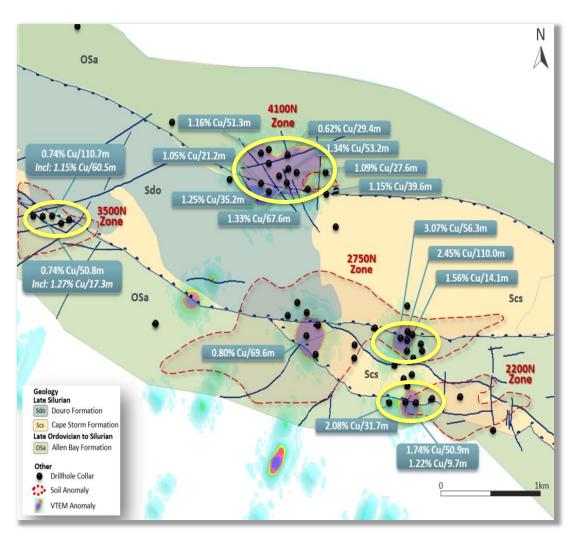
Storm is under an option agreement with American West Metals Limited to earn an 80% interest.

Aston Bay is carried to production with no required expenditures.



High Grade, at Surface

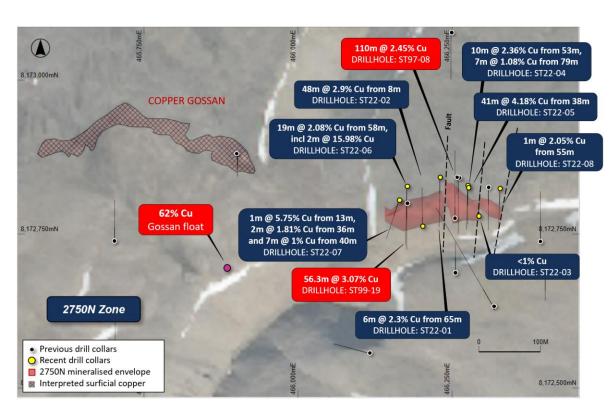
- Multiple thick, high-grade copper zones identified across 15km² with historical intersections that include:
 - 110m* @ 2.45% Cu from surface (ST97-08)
 - 56.3m* @ 3.07% Cu from 12.2m (ST99-19)
 - **11.5m* @ 4.75% Cu from 75.9m** (ST99-47)
 - 41m* @ 4.18% Cu from 38m (ST22-05)
- Four high-grade zones discovered in historic and recent drilling: 2200N, 2750N, 3500N and 4100N Zones, all at or near surface
- Other at-surface showings still to be tested at 3,000 km² (748,000 acres) property





Priority Target: 2750N Zone Near surface, high-grade, advancing toward development

- New results confirm high-grade
 2750N zone in 2022 program
 - 41m* @ 4.18% Cu from 38m (ST22-05);
 - 48m* @ 2.92% Cu from 8m (ST22-02);
 - 19m @ 2.08% copper Cu from 58m, including:
 - 2m @ 15.98% Cu from70m (ST22-06)
 - 10m @ 2.36% Cu from 53m, and;
 - **7m @ 1.08% Cu from 79m** (ST22-04).
- Open at depth and to the west along 1km prospective strike length

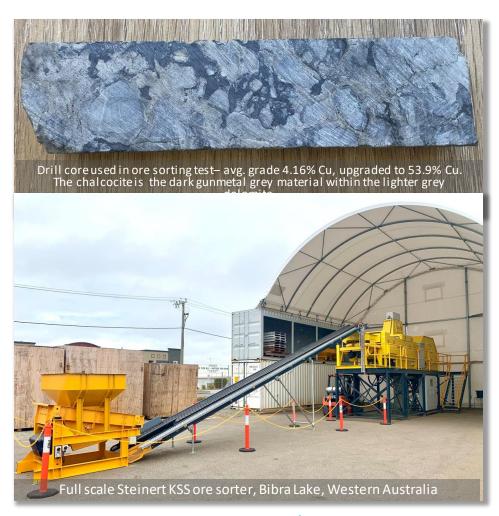




Moving Toward Development: High-Grade Direct Shipping Product

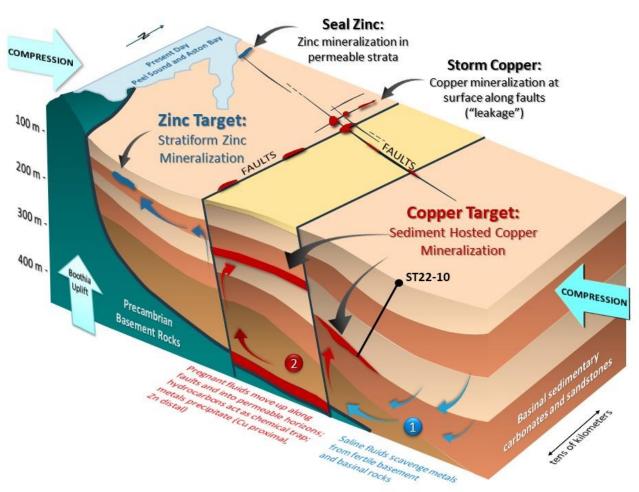
- Recent test work using a full-scale ore sorter has successfully shown the potential for a direct shipping product with a grade of 53.9% copper
- Potential product has excellent ESG outcomes with a low footprint, environmentally friendly processing and simple, low-cost development
- Beneficiation and metallurgical test work underway: aim to create a definitive flow sheet for a direct shipping product operation
- Planning for next season drill program: expansion of known zones and defining new zones of mineralization through testing of new high-priority anomalies

Advancing toward development





Potential for Further Discovery: Sediment Hosted ("Congo-Style") Copper



- ✓ Large sedimentary basin
- ✓ Saline fluids to scavenge metals
- ✓ Efficient plumbing system (faults)
- ✓ Permeable horizons (traps)
- ✓ Effective chemical trap (bitumen)
- ✓ Metal at surface (Storm and Seal)
- ✓ Large mineralized zones at depth confirmed in 2022

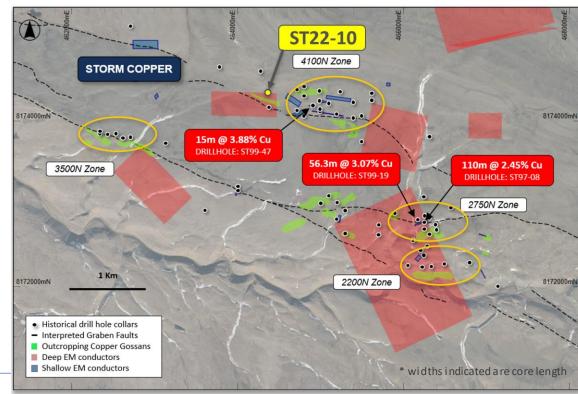
Schematic exploration concept of the Storm/Seal Projects. Drill hole ST22-10 has intersected mineralization interpreted to be associated with the area labelled as Copper Target: Stratiform Copper Mineralization

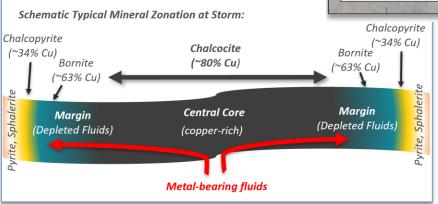
Storm Copper Project, Nunavut Growth Story #2: Discovery



Discovery: Sediment Hosted Copper at Depth

- Over 68m of sediment hosted sulfide mineralization intersected in ST22-10 from 277m downhole
- Margin-style mineralization intercepted: chalcopyrite, pyrite
- Vector to higher grade
- 2022 intercept on margin of 800m x 300m EM plate, with six other similar large EM plates yet to be tested
- Evidence of a major copper system at depth with significant copper endowment upside







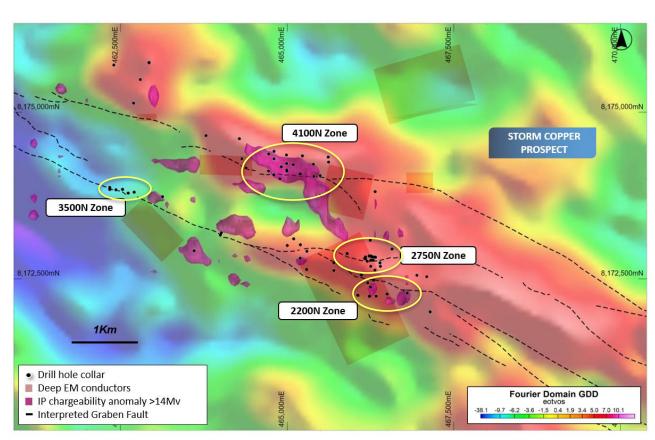
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Storm Copper Project, Nunavut Growth Stories: Development and Discovery



Near surface high-grade advancing toward development and significant discovery potential

- The 2200N 2750N and 4100N zones present as compelling and high priority target areas to add further potential highgrade copper resources at surface, and to significantly increase the scale of the copper endowment within the Storm Project.
- In addition, there remains considerable discovery potential in exploration of the deeper FLEM conductors that may represent sedimentary copper style mineralization.



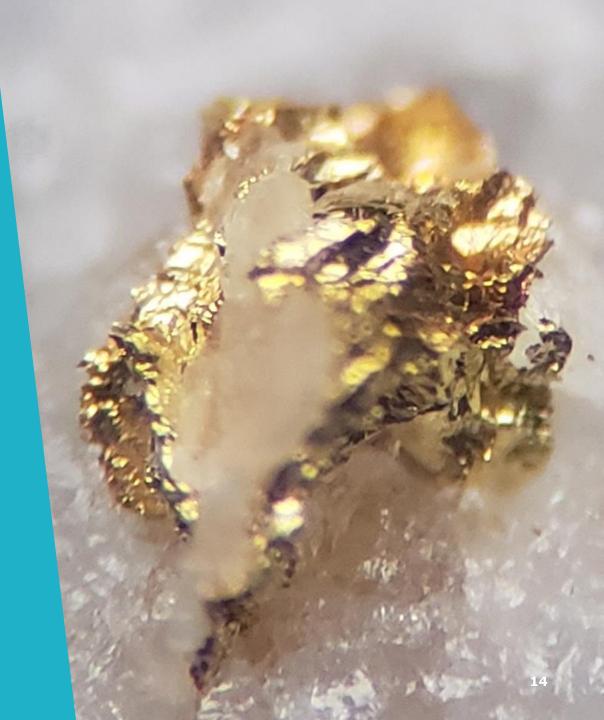
Plan view of the entire Storm Project area showing drilling, major graben faults, deep electromagnetic plates and induced polarization anomalies overlaying regional gravity image. Note that the coincident IP, EM and strong gravity anomalies lay adjacent to or between the major graben faults – typical locations for the accumulation of sediment hosted copper style mineralization.

Cu-Zn SEDEX Belt

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Buckingham Gold Vein

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Virginia Projects

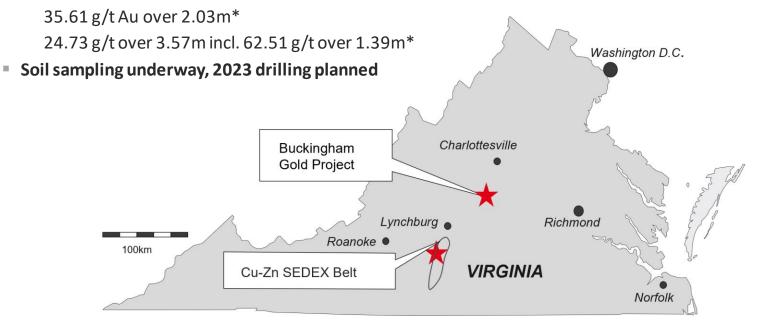


Cu-Zn SEDEX Belt (Virginia)

- 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 discovery: Cu-Zn SEDEX confirmed at Mountain Project
- Negotiations near complete for 2 prospective SEDEX properties

Buckingham Gold Project (New Gold Vein Discovery)

High grade, steeply dipping mesothermal-style gold vein (e.g. Kirkland Lake, etc.)

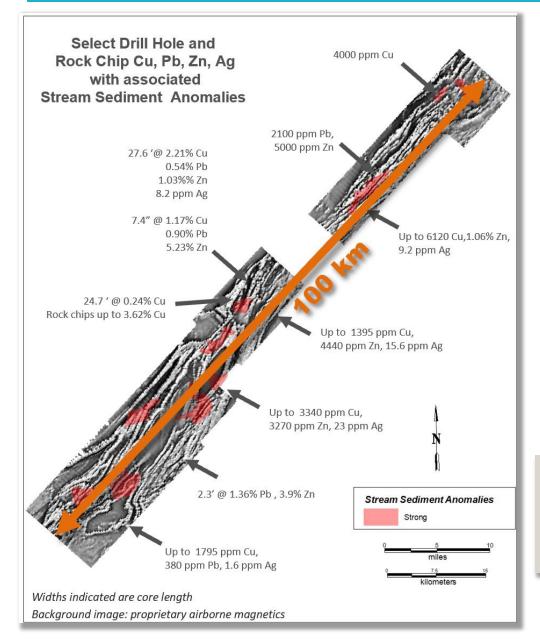


^{*} widths indicated are core length

An Underexplored Base Metals Belt

SEDEX, Significant Grade, Drill-Ready Targets





- 100km mineralized trend in south-central Virginia
- Proprietary data on base metals belt:
 - 1.2M acre airborne EM/Mag survey
 - Regional stream sediment survey
 - Regional rock chip sampling
 - Drill data from sparse exploratory holes
- New SEDEX discovery in unrecognized SEDEX belt:

Mountain Zinc-Copper Project

- 3,746m drilled in 10 drill holes (6 holes reported; 4 holes pending)
- Zn-Cu-Pb mineralization in all holes over 1 x
 0.5 mile area
- Stacked zones of disseminated and semimassive sphalerite and minor chalcopyrite, with pyrite and pyrrhotite, hosted within metamorphosed carbonate rocks: SEDEX style
- Significant intercepts in <u>limited historical drilling</u> with no follow-up

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

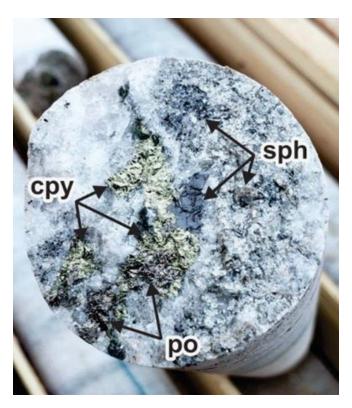
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Mountain Cu-Zn Project – New SEDEX Discovery



- 3,746m drilled in 10 drill holes over a **1.6 x 0.7 km area, with** same style of 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 (best intercept 1.4% Zn over 4.58m: low grade, but large)
- Mineralization suggests a SEDEX deposit model, a style of mineralization previously unrecognized in central Virginia
- New SEDEX district, size potential demonstrated, several untested properties: search is on for grade



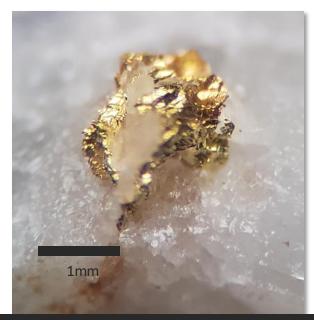


Chalcopyrite and sphalerite in core from October 2021 drilling, Mountain Project

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Buckingham Gold Vein - New Discovery





Visible gold from outcrop, Buckingham Gold Vein

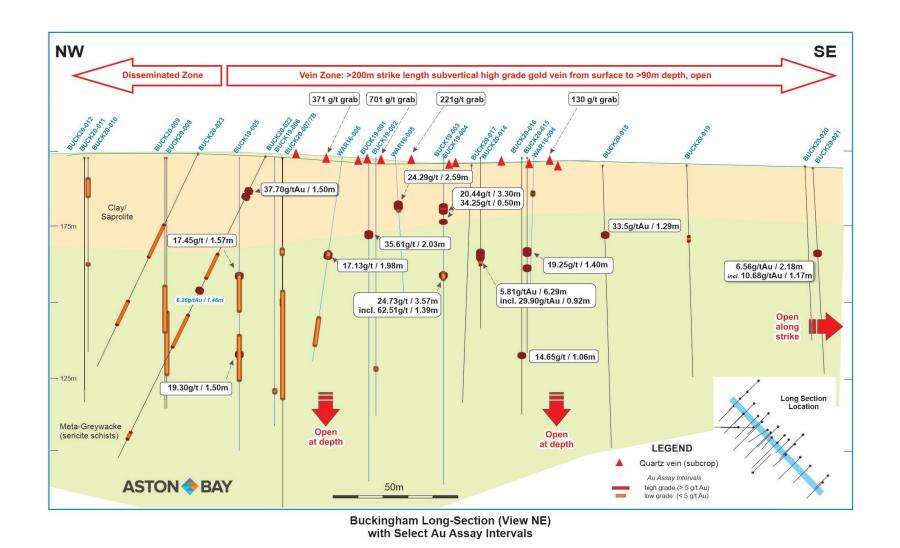
Why is mesothermal gold significant?

- High grade potential in ore shoots
- Low impact underground mining methods
- Significant potential down-dip and along-strike extent
 - Examples: Kirkland 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
 - Timber recently harvested
 - Soil sampling, panning and prospecting underway
- Potential strike length of vein over one mile
- 2022/2023 drilling planned: down dip and SE extensions

*widths indicated are core length





^{**}assuming a 72° NE dip on the quartz vein, true interval width is 80%

Upcoming Catalysts



- Storm Copper Project development and discovery, high-grade copper
 - Development: high-grade copper at surface, high-value direct ship product, moving toward operation
 - Discovery: sediment hosted-style copper mineralization, potential for size and grade
- Base Metals Belt SEDEX discovery, high-grade copper potential
 - Drilling competed, SEDEX discovery confirmed
 - Negotiations for other prospective, more copper-rich SEDEX properties near completion
- Buckingham Gold Property new discovery high-grade gold orogenic/mesothermal vein
 - Proposed follow-up drilling on down-dip and along-strike extensions in 2023

Share Structure As of Nov. 10, 2022

	Millions
Basic Shares Outstanding	178.4
Options (Avg. price \$0.11)	13.8
Warrants (Avg. price \$0.12)	14.9
Fully Diluted Shares Outstanding	207.2
Market Capitalization	C\$5.4M

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