

## **NEW CANADIAN LITHIUM OPTION & TERMINATION OF PREVIOUS ROYALTY PORTFOLIO OPTION**

### **New Lithium Project Acquisition Highlights:**

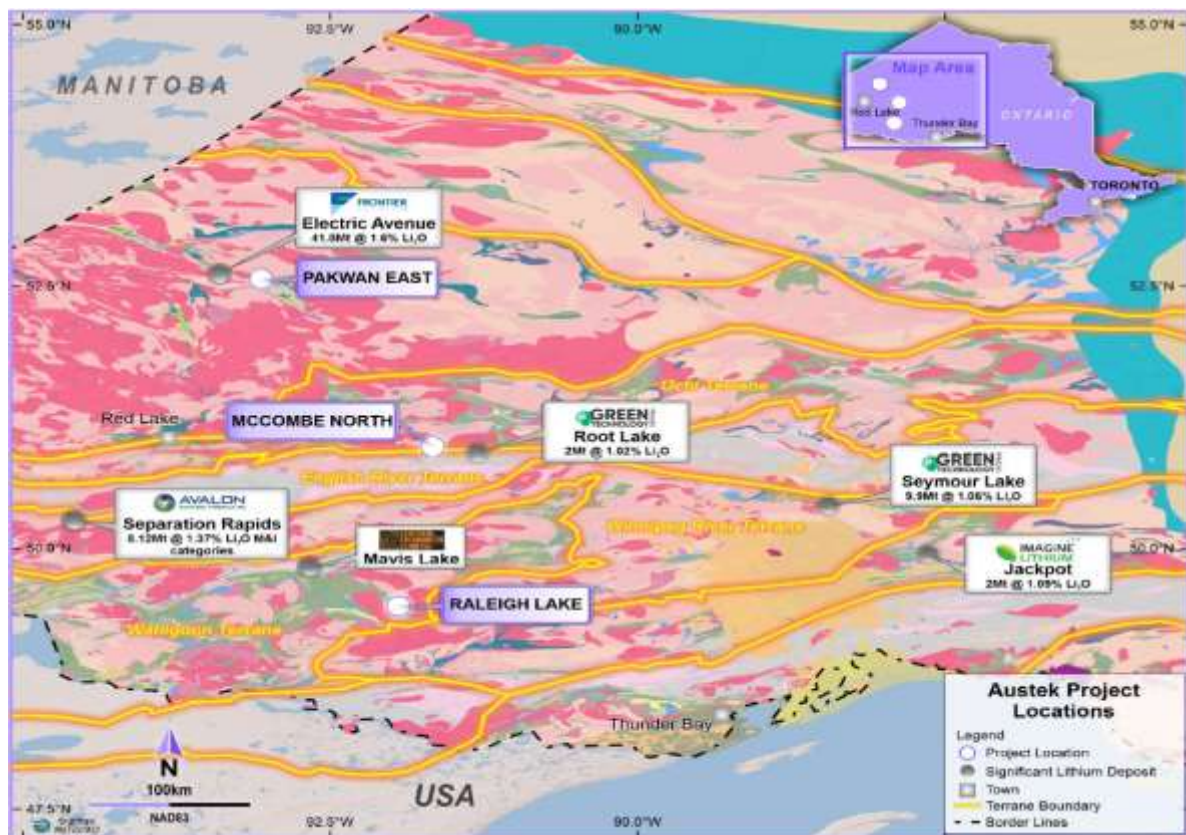
- Bastion Minerals Ltd (ASX: BMO, **Bastion, Company or BMO**) has entered into a Binding Heads Of Agreement (**HOA**) with Austek Resources Pty Ltd (**Austek**) for an option to acquire three highly prospective lithium properties located in Ontario Canada, a rapidly growing lithium province.
- The three properties are located close to known pegmatites, where adjacent companies have intersected pegmatites in drilling and have defined and reported resources. The property groups are referred to as Pakwan East Lithium, Raleigh Lake Lithium, and McCombe North Lithium projects.
- The Pakwan East project comprises 17km<sup>2</sup> and is located immediately adjacent to properties owned by Frontier Lithium Inc (TSXV: FL), who have the PAK lithium project which includes the Spark Lithium deposit.
- The McCombe North project comprises 33km<sup>2</sup> of tenure and immediately abuts the north of the Root Bay properties owned by Green Technology Metals (ASX: GT1), where they are drilling the Morrison and McCombe lithium deposits.
- The Raleigh Lake Lithium property is hosted within the Wabigoon Terrane, also host to the Mavis Li Deposits (Critical Resources Ltd ASX:CRR) and the Raleigh Lake Li-bearing pegmatites of International Lithium Corp (TSXV: ILC).
- Bastion's Consultant Geologist, Mr. Murray Brooker, who has held Senior technical roles consulting to Lithium Power International (ASX: LPI), Allkem Ltd (formerly Orocobre) (ASX: AKE) and Advantage Lithium Corp (TSXV: AAL), will work closely with Austek's Canadian Geological team to ensure exploration is expedited across the projects.
- The Bastion Board has also resolved, following due diligence, not to proceed with the portfolio of lithium royalties and projects, announced to the ASX on 5 December 2022.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Refer ASX announcement of 5 December 2022 titled "*Bastion Minerals Announces Transformational Option to Acquire Extensive Canadian (Quebec and Ontario) Lithium Royalty & Projects Portfolio and Capital Raising*".

### **Cessation of Option Agreement announced 5 December 2022:**

- Following a detailed evaluation of the property package of over 130 mining properties (*refer ASX announcement of 5 December 2022*), the Board believes there is more value for Bastion in acquiring individual high-quality properties rather than such a large portfolio.
- Consequently, Bastion has decided not to proceed with the royalty property package acquisition, instead the Company will focus its Lithium acquisition strategy on projects providing direct upside to potential exploration success.
- Bastion believes the Austek properties sit in highly fertile areas, which cover 63.5 km<sup>2</sup> and are highly prospective for lithium pegmatites, although given the early stage of each of the three projects, it is too early to determine the prospectivity of the projects until further exploration is undertaken.
- The company plans to begin on-ground exploration consisting of mapping and sampling, as soon as possible.
- Spodumene lithium pegmatite deposits in Canada have many similarities to those in the Archean rocks of Western Australia, with pegmatites emplaced around granitoids, within sequences of mafic and ultramafic rocks and metasediments and within some granitoid bodies.



**Figure 1: Austek Resources Project Locations (Ontario, Canada) and other major projects and companies.**

### Pakwan East Lithium Project

- The Pakwan East project is located on the Bear Fault which is a major geological system in the area and multiple historical outcropping pegmatites have been mapped in the project area. Ground reconnaissance is being planned and set to occur as soon as possible.
- The project sits ~20 km from Frontier Lithium Inc's Spark Deposit.

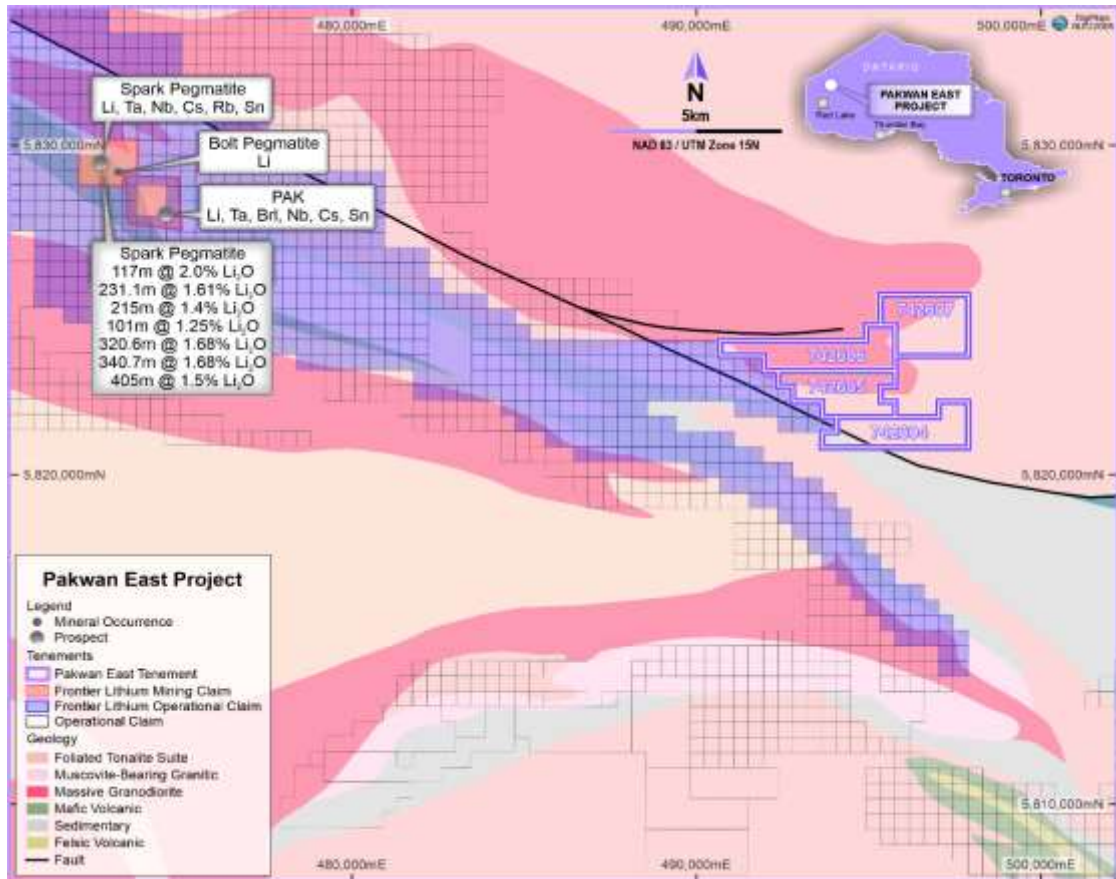


Figure 2: Austek Resources Project Location of Pakwan East Tenements

### McCombe North Lithium Project

- The McCombe North project comprises 33km<sup>2</sup> of tenure and immediately abuts the north of the Root Bay properties owned by Green Technology Metals (ASX: GT1), where they are drilling the McCombe, Morrison and other lithium deposits, and have defined resources.
- The project contains a continuous strike of more than 6km of greenstone belt in the same geological setting as GT1's Lithium deposits.



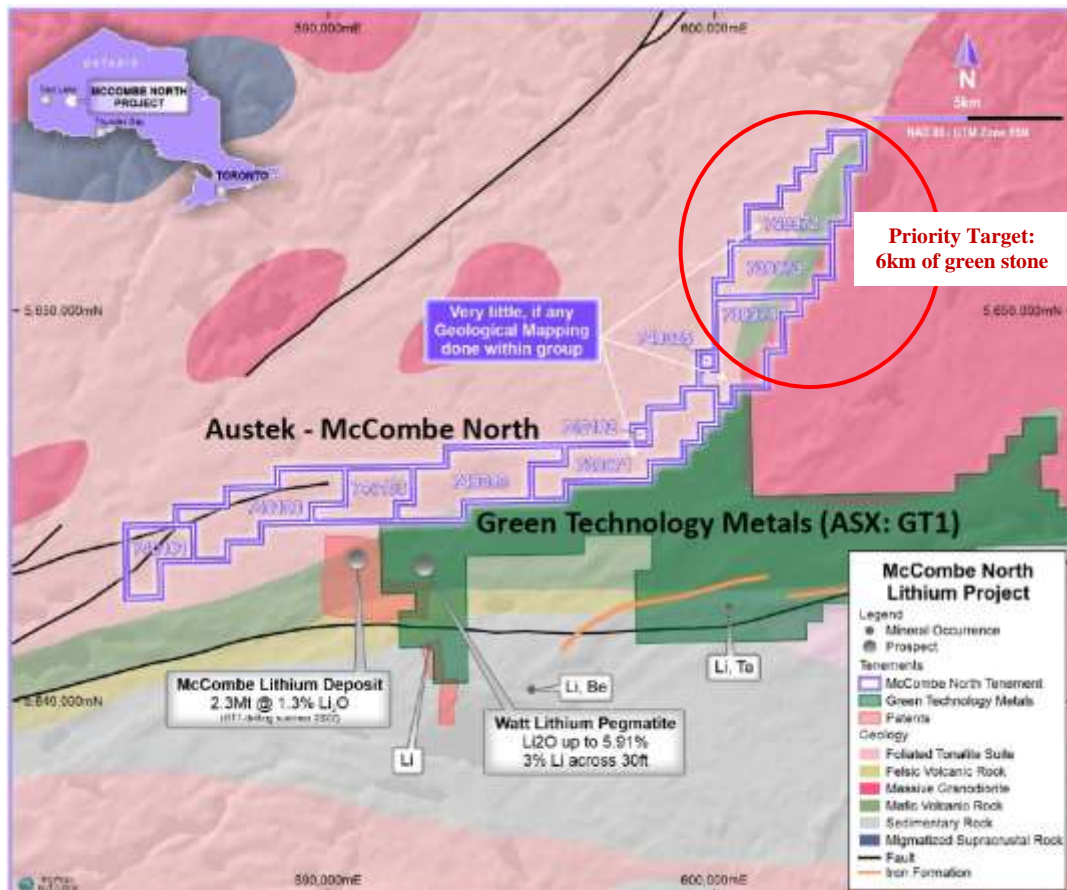


Figure 3: Austek Resources Project Location of McCombe North Tenements

### Raleigh Lake Lithium Project

- The Raleigh Lake project consists of two (2) claim groups comprising 13km<sup>2</sup> and is located in an area of known mapped pegmatites, immediately adjacent to properties owned by International Lithium Corp (TSXV: ILC), where ILC have drilled 6,251 metres of core.
- The Raleigh Lake Lithium property is hosted within the Wabigoon Terrane, also host to the Mavis Li Deposits (Critical Resources Ltd ASX:CRR) and the Raleigh Lake Li-bearing pegmatites of International Lithium Inc (TSXV: ILC).

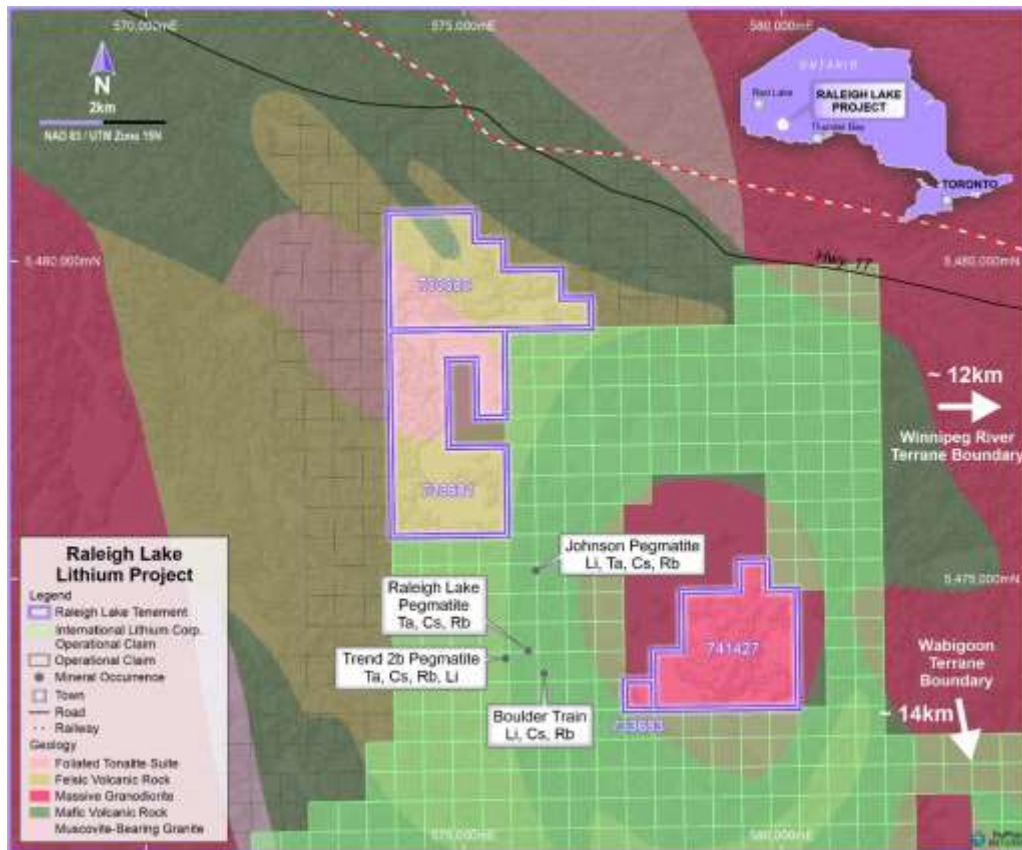


Figure 4: Austek Resources Project Location of Raleigh Lake Tenements

**Executive Chairman, Mr Ross Landles, commented:**

*“Having evaluated the large package of Ontario lithium properties, with NSR royalties, Bastion has decided there is more immediate value for the company in this option to acquire highly prospective lithium properties in close proximity to known pegmatites and projects with lithium pegmatite resources.*

*To this end, Bastion has entered into a HOA with the option to acquire Austek Resources, located adjacent to properties where pegmatites and lithium deposits have been identified. Bastion is in the process of acquiring additional geoscience data for the properties and aims to begin on ground exploration with geological teams as soon as seasonal conditions allow. The Austek lithium properties provide further exposure for BMO to the battery metals sector, which is set to be a global driver of the mining industry for many years to come. Combined with BMO’s copper assets in Chile, shareholders have great exposure to the battery minerals space and both are in stable mining jurisdictions.”*

**Austek Transaction Details:**

As part of the HOA, the Company will pay the vendors of Austek a A\$150,000 payment to secure an exclusive option over the properties. During this period, Bastion is required to spend C\$150,000 on in-ground expenditure across the projects.

Within six months from signing the HOA with Austek, BMO has the ability to exercise an option to acquire all of the ordinary shares in Austek. In the event BMO exercises its option, the Company agrees to issue A\$1,000,000 worth of fully paid ordinary shares in BMO, to the vendors of Austek, at an issue price equal to a 15% discount to the 15 day trading VWAP of BMO shares, prior to signing the HOA.

The Austek properties are subject to a combined 1.5% Net Smelter Royalty (**NSR**) over all minerals extracted from the Project. The NSR will have a buyback of 0.5% for C\$500,000 at the election of BMO. In addition, on the day which is one year following BMO signing the HOA, a C\$66,000 cash payment is payable to the Royalty Owners. Additionally, on the day which is two years following BMO signing the HOA, a C\$90,000 cash payment will be payable to the Royalty Owners.

Details of the properties are included in Table 1 below.

Project	Claim#	Owner Client#	#Cells	Area ha	Issue Date	Anniversary Date
McCombe North	739971	PERRY ENGLISH	25	509	27/07/2022	27/07/2024
McCombe North	739972	Gravel Ridge Resources Ltd.	23	467	27/07/2022	27/07/2024
McCombe North	739973	Gravel Ridge Resources Ltd.	18	366	27/07/2022	27/07/2024
McCombe North	739974	Gravel Ridge Resources Ltd.	21	427	27/07/2022	27/07/2024
McCombe North	740025	Gravel Ridge Resources Ltd.	1	20	27/07/2022	27/07/2024
McCombe North	740099	PERRY ENGLISH	25	509	28/07/2022	28/07/2024
McCombe North	740100	Gravel Ridge Resources Ltd.	25	509	28/07/2022	28/07/2024
McCombe North	740101	Gravel Ridge Resources Ltd.	12	244	28/07/2022	28/07/2024
McCombe North	740102	Gravel Ridge Resources Ltd.	1	20	28/07/2022	28/07/2024
McCombe North	740103	PERRY ENGLISH	13	265	28/07/2022	28/07/2024
Pakwan East	742604	Gravel Ridge Resources Ltd.	21	413	17/08/2022	17/08/2024
Pakwan East	742605	Gravel Ridge Resources Ltd.	19	373	17/08/2022	17/08/2024
Pakwan East	742606	Gravel Ridge Resources Ltd.	23	452	17/08/2022	17/08/2024
Pakwan East	742607	Gravel Ridge Resources Ltd.	22	432	17/08/2022	17/08/2024
Raleigh Lake	733681	Gravel Ridge Resources Ltd.	25	504	23/06/2022	23/06/2024
Raleigh Lake	733682	Gravel Ridge Resources Ltd.	21	420	23/06/2022	23/06/2024
Raleigh Lake	733683	Gravel Ridge Resources Ltd.	1	21	23/06/2022	23/06/2024
Raleigh Lake	741427	Gravel Ridge Resources Ltd.	20	400	3/08/2022	3/08/2024
<b>Total</b>				6,351		

**Table 1: List of properties involved in the transaction.**

This announcement was approved for release by the Executive Chairman of Bastion Minerals.

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## APPENDIX 1

### Statements and Disclaimers

#### Competent Person Statement

The information in this announcement that relates to exploration reporting has been prepared by Mr Murray Brooker.

Mr Brooker who is an independent geological consultant to Bastion Minerals and is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Geoscientists, has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity he is undertaking to qualify as the "Competent Person" as defined in the 2012 Edition of the *Australasian Code for Reporting Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves*. Mr Brooker consents to the inclusion in the announcement of the matters based on this information in the form and context in which it appears.

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