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Thick new copper zones defined in drilling at the Storm Copper Project, Canada

Immediate exploration success highlights potential for rapid and significant resource expansion

- The 2024 Reverse Circulation (RC) drilling has delivered immediate success with the drilling of geophysical targets intersecting thick new zones of copper mineralisation including:
 - **Drill hole SR24-02 (Cyclone North) has intersected:**
 - **36.6m of visual copper sulphides from 79.3m downhole**
 - **Drill hole SR24-03 (The Gap) has intersected:**
 - **47.2m of visual copper sulphide mineralisation including a 10m interval of very strong visual copper sulphides from 36.6m downhole**
 - **Drill hole SR24-04 (The Gap) has intersected:**
 - **30.5m of visual copper sulphide mineralisation from 29m downhole**
- The visual copper sulphide mineralisation intersected in SR24-03 and SR24-04 appears similar to high-grade copper sulphides in the 2023 discovery hole at the nearby Thunder Prospect which returned 48.6m @ 3% Cu (ST23-03)
- SR24-03 and SR24-04 are located midway along 4km of prospective structures between the Cirrus copper deposit and the high-grade Thunder Prospect – the structures are largely untested by drilling and present as a high-priority target area for further copper mineralisation
- Drilling results continue to demonstrate the strong correlation between Moving Loop Electromagnetic (MLEM) targets and copper mineralisation, with an extensive suite of additional geophysical targets prioritised for drilling in 2024
- Samples for the first batch of drilling are at the laboratory with assay results expected in the coming weeks
- Phase 1 of the MLEM surveys have been completed in the Storm area with the deep search phase (>250m depth) of the program now underway
- Drilling by the track-mounted RC rig continues 24/7



American West Metals Limited (**American West** or **the Company**) (ASX: AW1 | OTCQB: AWMLF) is pleased to provide an update on drilling and exploration activities at the Storm Copper Project (**Storm** or **the Project**) on Somerset Island, Nunavut, Canada.

Dave O’Neill, Managing Director of American West Metals commented:

“We are very pleased to provide an update on the recently commenced drilling activities at the Storm Copper Project. This year’s drilling program has immediately built on last year’s successful program with the expansion of the large-scale copper footprint at the Cyclone deposit, and with new zones of thick near-surface copper mineralisation intersected at the Gap Prospect.

“This initial phase of drilling was designed to test a number of existing resource and geophysical targets, working in parallel with the Moving Loop EM (MLEM) survey as it identified new resource expansion and exploration targets.

“The exploration drilling has had immediate success and has clearly demonstrated that the southern graben area can host multiple high-grade copper deposits. This vast fault network remains largely untested, highlighting the exceptional exploration upside and resource growth potential of this area.

“The MLEM survey continues to make rapid progress with the completion of Phase 1 of the program. The next phase of the survey will search deeper, below the known copper deposits for a repeat of the Cyclone style mineralisation at depth, and potential for the discovery of sedimentary copper deposits of similar style to the major Central African copper belts.

“We look forward to reporting more news from Storm in the coming weeks, including additional drilling and geophysics updates.”



Figure 1: Reverse Circulation (RC) drilling with the track-mounted rig underway at Cyclone North, Storm Project, Nunavut.



DRILLING IMMEDIATELY DEFINES THICK NEW COPPER ZONES AND POTENTIAL RESOURCE EXTENSIONS AT STORM

Preliminary geological interpretation is now complete on the first batch of drill holes from the 2024 exploration and resource expansion drilling program. The drilling has intersected very thick intervals of visual copper sulphides including outstanding new exploration success in The Gap area where previous drilling has intersected high-grade copper sulphides.

The Gap drilling confirms the exploration and resource potential within the relatively untested area along the 4km of structures that hosts the Cirrus and Corona Deposits, as well as the high-grade Thunder (48.6m @ 3% Cu) and Lightning Ridge (30.4m @ 2.1% Cu) copper prospects. Successful intersection of copper mineralisation in these drill holes highlight the prospectivity and potential for growth in copper endowment that exists in the southern graben area.

Drilling immediately north off the Cyclone Deposit indicates the potential to extend the resource northwards and toward 2023 exploration drill hole SR23-55 which intersected 7.6m @ 1% Cu from 105.2m downhole. Mineralised intervals in the Cyclone area continue to highlight the outstanding growth and open-pit potential of the Cyclone Deposit which already contains a JORC Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE) of **12.1Mt @ 1.2% Cu and 3.8g/t Ag**.

RC drilling with the tracked rig continues on a broad range of exploration and resource extensional targets, including within the Thunder and Chinook Deposit areas. The second RC and the Diamond rigs will be phased into the program in the coming weeks with a total of over 20,000m of drilling planned for the 2024 program.

Phase 1 of the high-powered Moving Loop EM (MLEM) survey has been completed in the Storm area, with over 10 new targets defined for high-priority drill testing. Phase 2 of the survey is now underway which involves searching deeper, below the known copper deposits where drilling has previously intersected a prospective copper horizon that spans over 5 sq km with copper grades up to 2.7% Cu (ST23-02) (see ASX Announcement dated 26th September, 2023: More high-grade copper discoveries at Storm). The exploration target in this deeper part of the Storm sedimentary copper system is large-scale sedimentary copper similar to the African copper deposits in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Zambia, and Botswana.

Hole ID	Prospect	Easting	Northing	Depth (m)	Azi	Inclination	Cu Sulphide Interval (m)
SR24-01	Expl.	465403	8174839	251.5	180	-75	Minor
SR24-02	Cyclone	465497	8174396	140.2	180	-70	36.6
SR24-03	The Gap	464015	8173152	149.4	170	-45	47.2
SR24-04	The Gap	463975	8173143	199.6	130	-60	30.5

Table 1: 2024 resource and exploration drill hole details.

Visual estimates of mineral abundance should never be considered a proxy or substitute for laboratory analyses where concentrations or grades are the factor of principal economic interest. Laboratory assays are required to determine the presence and grade of any contained mineralisation within the reported visual intersections of copper sulphides. Portable XRF is used as an aid in the determination of mineral type and abundance during the geological logging process.



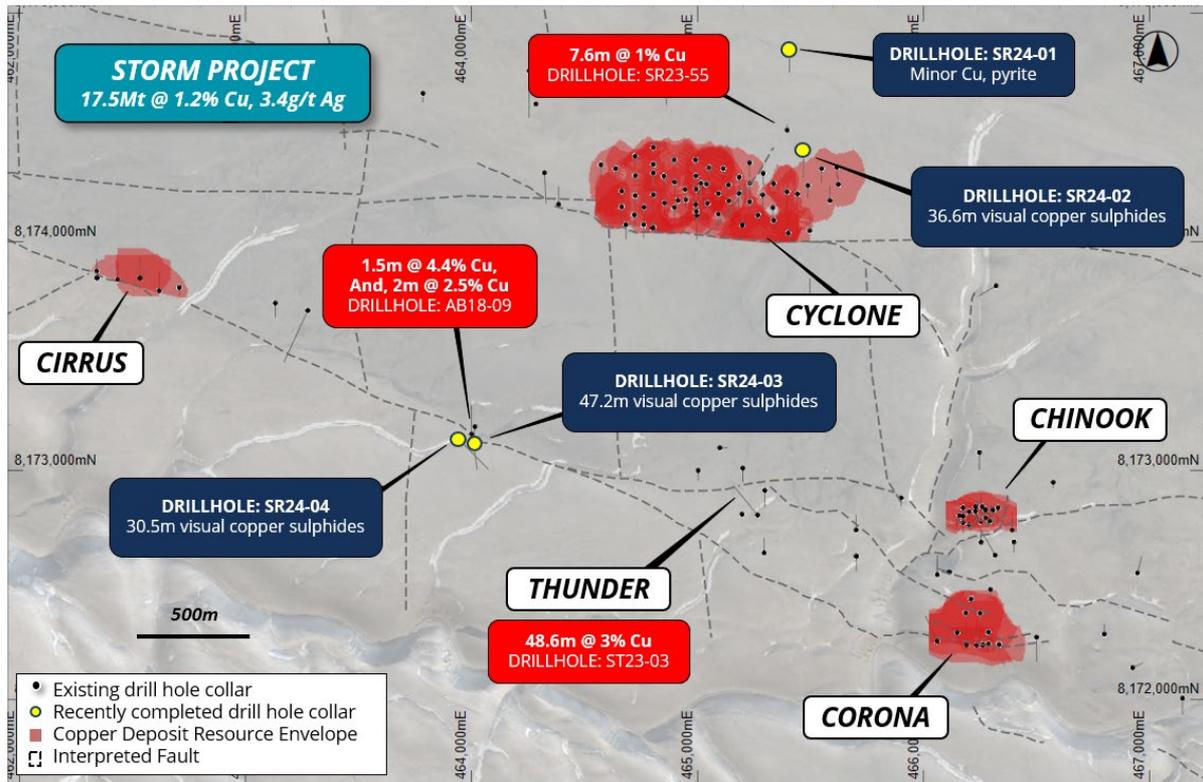


Figure 2: Recent and existing drill hole locations, copper deposit outlines, overlaying aerial photography.

DRILL HOLE SR24-01 DETAILS

The first drill hole of the 2024 season, SR24-01, was drilled approximately 500m north of the Cyclone Deposit and was designed to test a Fixed Loop Electromagnetic (FLEM) target defined during exploration in 2022. The interpretation of the FLEM data suggested that the source of the anomaly could be located at depth but was weakly defined.

SR24-01 was drilled to a maximum achievable depth of 251.5m and did not encounter copper sulphides or other lithologies that could confirm or explain the source of EM anomalism. The drill hole did encounter weak pyrite (iron sulphides) mineralisation at 125m and minor clay layers, but not in an abundance to explain the EM response.

The 2024 Moving Loop EM (MLEM) survey was extended into the area to validate the FLEM anomaly, but did not highlight any significant anomalies. The current MLEM survey is optimized to search for conductive bodies between 0-250m depth, suggesting that the FLEM anomaly may be located at a deeper level.

Deeper penetrating EM will be scheduled for this area to further investigate the source of the FLEM anomaly.



DRILL HOLE SR24-02 DETAILS

SR24-02 was drilled to the north of the Cyclone Deposit to a downhole depth of 140.2m. The drill hole forms part of the resource expansion program that is designed to define potential extensions to the existing copper resources within the Storm Project.

The drill hole was designed to test a MLEM anomaly suggesting continuation of the mineralisation between the current MRE footprint and step-out exploration drill hole SR23-55 which intersected 7.6m @ 1% Cu from 105.2m downhole. (Figure 2).

SR24-02 intersected a single, 36.6m thick zone of visual copper sulphides between 79.3m and 115.8m downhole. The chalcocite dominant mineralisation is hosted in thin veinlets and patchy disseminations within fractured dolomite.

The visual sulphide abundance of the mineralised interval within SR24-02 is very similar to that of the resource drill holes in the north-eastern part of the Cyclone deposit. This suggests good lateral continuity of the mineralisation and supports the growth potential of the Cyclone copper resource.

Intersections below are expressed as downhole widths and are interpreted to be close to true widths. Visual estimates of sulphide type, quantity and habit should not be considered a substitute for laboratory assays. Portable XRF analysis has been used to confirm the nature of the sulphide intercepts. Laboratory assays are required to determine the widths and grade of mineralisation as reported in preliminary geological logging.

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Min	Description
SR24-02	0.0	48.8		Cape Storm Formation
	48.8	79.3		Allen Bay Formation
	79.3	88.4	cc/ml	Cc patches (1%)
	88.4	100.6	cc/ml/py	Trace patchy py (0.1%)
	100.6	102.1	bn/ml	Trace and patchy (0.1%)
	102.1	114.3	cc/ma/py	Trace and patchy (1%)
	114.3	115.8	cu/cc	fine patchy with native cu (0.1%)
	115.8	117.4	py	fine patchy py
	117.4	140.2		massive to weakly laminated dolomudstone

Table 2: Summary geological log for drill hole SR24-02.

Mineralisation key: cc = chalcocite, chpy = chalcopyrite, br = bornite, py = pyrite, Cu = native copper, ct = cuprite, ml = malachite, sph = sphalerite, ga = galena. (5%) = visual estimation of sulphide content.



DRILL HOLE SR24-03 DETAILS

SR24-03 was drilled to a downhole depth of 149.4m and was designed to test a strongly conductive Moving Loop Electromagnetic (MLEM) anomaly in The Gap area (midway between the Cirrus copper deposit and the Thunder high-grade copper prospect) (Figure 2).

The entire 149.4m length of drill hole SR24-03 is variably mineralised with a combined total of 47.2m of breccia and vein style copper mineralisation. The drill hole contains a strongly sulphide-mineralised breccia interval approximately 10m thick from 39.6m downhole (Figure 3). The mineralisation within the strongly mineralised zone (chalcocite, bornite, chalcopyrite) is visibly similar to that of nearby drill hole AB18-09 which intersected grades up to 4.4% Cu (Figure 4), and the Thunder Prospect to the east (48.6m @ 3% Cu in ST23-03).



Figure 3: RC Drill chips from drill hole SR24-03 from the Gap Prospect. The interval is from 130ft (39.6m) to 145ft (44.2m) downhole. Chalcocite (80% copper) veins and chips are visible as dark grey.



Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Min	Description
SR24-03	0.0	38.1		Allen Bay Formation
	38.1	39.6	cc/py	Trace and patchy cc and py (0.1%)
	39.6	45.7	bn/cc/chpy/py	Veinlets of bn with cc, chpy, py (3%)
	45.7	48.8	chpy/cc/py	chpy veinlets and patchy cc (1%)
	48.8	53.3	ma	Patchy ma (0.1%)
	53.3	57.9	chpy/cc/py	chpy veinlets and patchy cc (0.5%)
	57.9	61		Massive dolomudstone
	61	62.5	cu	Blebby native copper (0.1%)
	62.5	64	cc	Patchy cc (0.5%)
	64	68.6		Massive dolomudstone
	68.6	71.6	ma	Patchy ma (0.1%)
	71.6	77.7	cc	Patchy cc (0.5%)
	77.7	85.3		Massive dolomudstone
	85.3	93	ma	Patchy ma (0.1%)
	93	96	cc	Patchy cc (0.5%)
	96	129.5		Massive dolomudstone
	129.5	134.1	cc	Trace patchy cc (0.1%)
	134.1	149.4		Allen Bay Dolomudstone

Table 3: Summary geological log for drill hole SR24-03.

Mineralisation key: cc = chalcocite, chpy = chalcopyrite, br = bornite, py = pyrite, Cu = native copper, ct = cuprite, ml = malachite, sph = sphalerite, ga = galena. (5%) = visual estimation of sulphide content.

DRILL HOLE SR24-04 DETAILS

SR24-04 was drilled to a downhole depth of 199.6m and was designed to help determine the geometry of the main zone of copper mineralisation encountered in drill hole SR24-03 for future resource definition drilling. The drill hole was drilled across section and below SR24-03.

SR24-04 intersected a total of 30.5m of vein style copper mineralisation within a number of zones hosted within fractured dolomite.

The sulphide abundance and mineralisation within SR24-04 are very similar to that of SR24-03. The intersection depths and zoning of copper sulphides in both drill holes indicates that the mineralisation in the Gap area may be relatively flat lying, and therefore have significant potential for lateral expansion (Figure 4).

The immediate success of the 2024 exploration drilling highlights the ongoing exploration potential of the Storm area and potential of the MLEM surveys to efficiently define high-priority drilling targets.



The Gap exploration holes were planned to test a very strong MLEM anomaly that covers an area of approximately 300m x 200m. This feature is located within a much larger zone of moderately conductive EM, which suggest the footprint of copper mineralisation in The Gap area could be significant.

Further RC drilling will be used to determine the extent of the copper mineralisation at The Gap Prospect during the 2024 summer drilling season.

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Min	Description
SR24-04	0.0	1.5		Allen Bay Formation
	1.5	3.1	ma	Patchy ma
	3.1	29		Allen Bay Dolomudstone
	29	38.1	cc/ma/chpy	cc veinlets (2.5%), trace chpy
	38.1	42.7		Allen Bay Dolomudstone
	42.7	53.3	cc/chpy/Cu/py/ma	cc/chpy veinlets with patchy Cu, py and ma (2.5%)
	53.3	56.4		Allen Bay Dolomudstone
	56.4	61	cc/chpy/ma	cc/chpy veinlets and patchy ma (1%)
	61	68.6		Allen Bay Dolomudstone
	68.6	70.1	cc/ma	Patchy cc and ma (0.1%)
	70.1	74.7		Allen Bay Dolomudstone
	74.7	77.7	cc/ma	Trace cc and ma (0.1%)
	77.7	79.3		Allen Bay Dolomudstone
	79.3	91.4	ma	Trace ma (0.1%)
	91.4	102.1		Allen Bay Dolomudstone
	102.1	103.6	cc/ma	Patchy cc and ma (0.1%)
	103.6	179.8		Allen Bay Dolomudstone
	179.8	182.9	ma/py	Trace patchy ma (0.1%)
	182.9	199.6		Allen Bay Dolomudstone

Table 4: Summary geological log for drill hole SR24-04.

Mineralisation key: cc = chalcocite, chpy = chalcopyrite, br = bornite, py = pyrite, Cu = native copper, ct = cuprite, ml = malachite, sph = sphalerite, ga = galena. (5%) = visual estimation of sulphide content.



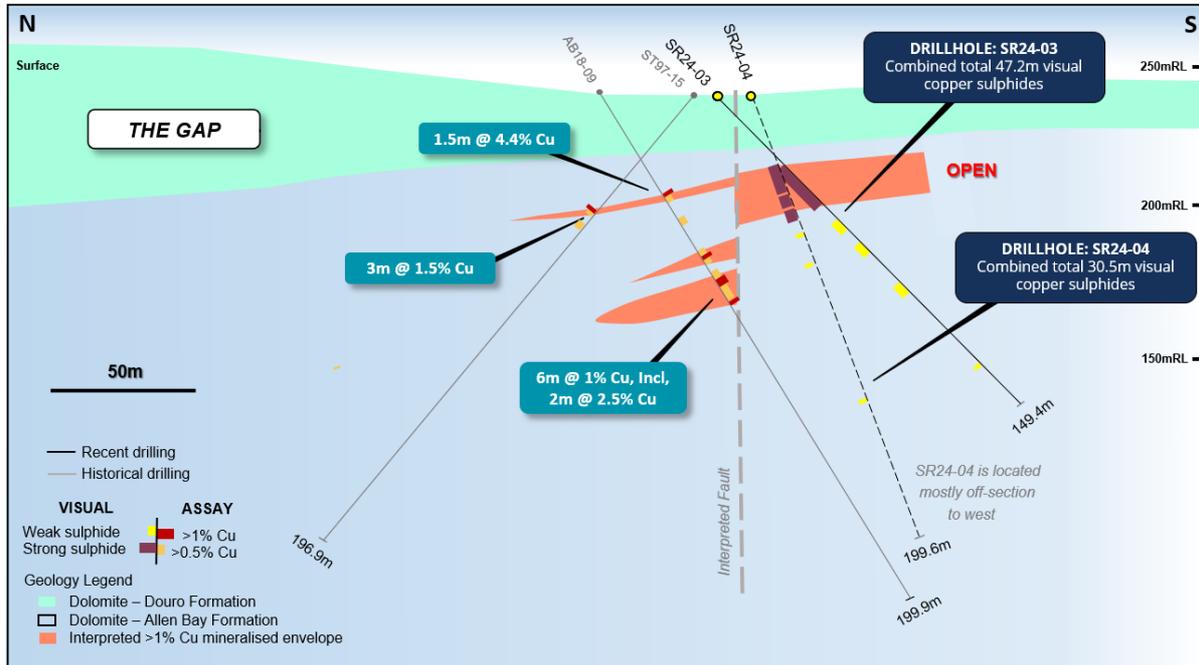


Figure 4: N-S schematic geological interpretation on drill section 464,000E.

MOVING LOOP EM SURVEY UPDATE – NUMEROUS NEW EM TARGETS DEFINED

Phase 1 of the Moving Loop Electromagnetic (MLEM) survey has been completed. The survey covered the majority of central graben of the immediate Storm area with approximately 46.7 line km completed. The first phase of the survey was configured and optimized to screen for conductive bodies (such as copper sulphides) up to 250m depth. Areas to the east hosting compelling gravity anomalies between known mineralized faults will be investigated in future programs.

The initial shallow-looking MLEM surveys used 100-200m N-S line spacings, 100m sensor stations, and 200m x 200m loops.

The survey has identified over 10 EM anomalies that are classified as high-priority for immediate drill testing, and numerous other lower order anomalies which are considered to have the potential to represent copper sulphides (Figure 5).

Phase 2 of the MLEM survey is now underway which will aim to screen at deeper than 250m depth. These surveys are using a 400m x 400m loop size to search below the near-surface copper mineralisation.

All five of the deep diamond drill holes completed during the 2022 and 2023 programs intersected copper sulphide mineralisation at approximately the same stratigraphic horizon (270-320m vertical depth) across and area 5 sq km. Notably, drill hole ST23-02 intersected high-grade mineralisation up to 2.7% Cu (at 357m downhole), indicating the potential of the system to host economic mineralisation similar to that defined in the near surface at that deeper stratigraphic level.

Additional MLEM surveys are planned to commence at the underexplored regional Tornado, Blizzard and Tempest areas during the summer exploration program starting in June.



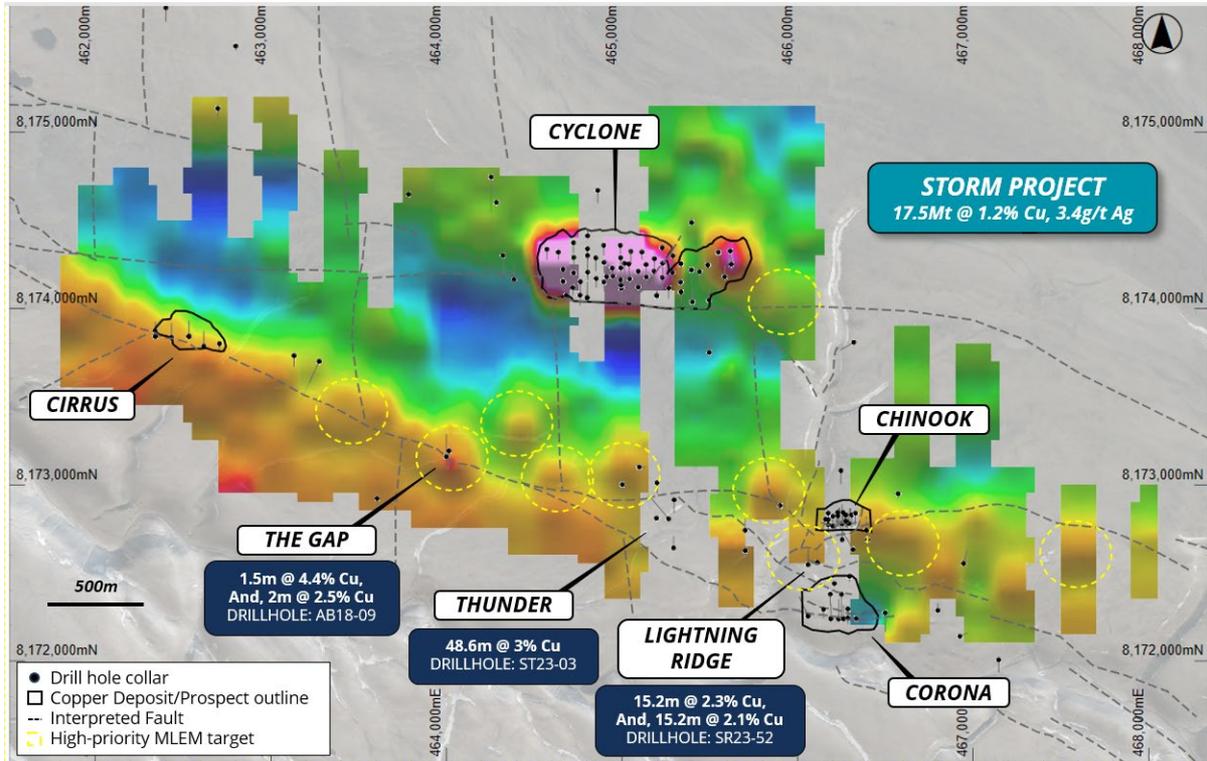


Figure 5: Recently completed MLEM survey image (Ch18Z) of the Storm area, overlaying drilling, copper deposit outlines and aerial photography. Hotter colours (red/green) indicate higher conductivity. Target modelling involves a detailed review of the EM profile and X, Y, and Z channel data (only Z channel data shown above), combined with geochemistry data-sets.

FORWARD PROGRAM

- Reverse Circulation (RC) drilling is in progress in the Storm area testing geophysical and resource expansion targets.
- EM surveys are continuing on deeper areas of interest within the immediate Storm area. The surveys will then move to the Tornado and Blizzard copper prospect areas.
- The second RC drilling rig is now onsite with preparations underway for commencement of drilling in the coming weeks. The planned drill program for 2024 comprises more than 20,000m in both RC and diamond drilling.
- Planning is complete and preparations are underway for a broad range of environmental monitoring and survey activities during 2024.
- Studies on beneficiation processing methods are progressing on a variety of ores from the Cyclone and Chinook Deposits.



This announcement has been approved for release by the Board of American West Metals Limited.

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Competent Person Statement – Exploration Results

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results for the Storm Copper Project is based on information compiled by Mr Dave O'Neill, a Competent Person who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr O'Neill is employed by American West Metals Limited as Managing Director, and is a substantial shareholder in the Company.

Mr O'Neill has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr O'Neill consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

Competent Person's Statement – JORC MRE

The information in this announcement that relates to the estimate of Mineral Resources for the Storm Project is based upon, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation compiled and reviewed by Mr. Kevin Hon, P.Geo., Senior Geologist, Mr. Christopher Livingstone, P.Geo, Senior Geologist, Mr. Warren Black, P.Geo., Senior Geologist and Geostatistician, and Mr. Steve Nicholls, MAIG, Senior Resource Geologist, all employees of APEX Geoscience Ltd. and Competent Persons. Mr. Hon and Mr. Black are members of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA), Mr. Livingstone is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientist of British Columbia (EGBC), and Mr. Nicholls is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geologists (AIG).

Mr. Hon, Mr. Livingstone, Mr. Black, and Mr. Nicolls (the "APEX CPs") are Senior Consultants at APEX Geoscience Ltd., an independent consultancy engaged by American West Metals Limited for the Mineral Resource Estimate. The APEX CPs have sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". The APEX CPs consent to the inclusion in this announcement of matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the results included in the original market announcements referred to in this Announcement and that no material change in the results has occurred. The Company confirms that the form and context in which



the Competent Persons' findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

The ASX announcement contains information extracted from the following reports which are available on the Company's website at <https://www.americanwestmetals.com/site/content/>:

30 January 2024 Maiden JORC MRE for Storm

ASX Listing Rule 5.12

The Company has previously addressed the requirements of Listing Rule 5.12 in its Initial Public Offer prospectus dated 29 October 2021 (released to ASX on 9 December 2021) (Prospectus) in relation to the 2014 Foreign West Desert MRE at the West Desert Project. The Company is not in possession of any new information or data relating to the West Desert Project that materially impacts on the reliability of the estimates or the Company's ability to verify the estimates as mineral resources or ore reserves in accordance with the JORC Code. The Company confirms that the supporting information provided in the Prospectus continues to apply and has not materially changed.

This ASX announcement contains information extracted from the following reports which are available on the Company's website at <https://www.americanwestmetals.com/site/content/>:

- 29 October 2021 Prospectus

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the exploration results included in the Prospectus. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the Prospectus.

Forward looking statements

Information included in this release constitutes forward-looking statements. Often, but not always, forward looking statements can generally be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as "may", "will", "expect", "intend", "plan", "estimate", "anticipate", "continue", and "guidance", or other similar words and may include, without limitation, statements regarding plans, strategies and objectives of management.

Forward looking statements inherently involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the Company's actual results, performance, and achievements to differ materially from any future results, performance, or achievements. Relevant factors may include, but are not limited to, changes in commodity prices, foreign exchange fluctuations and general economic conditions, the speculative nature of exploration and project development, including the risks of obtaining necessary licenses and permits and diminishing quantities or grades of reserves, political and social risks, changes to the regulatory framework within which the Company operates or may in the future operate, environmental conditions including extreme weather conditions, recruitment and retention of personnel, industrial relations issues and litigation.



Forward looking statements are based on the Company and its management's good faith assumptions relating to the financial, market, regulatory and other relevant environments that will exist and affect the Company's business and operations in the future. The Company does not give any assurance that the assumptions on which forward looking statements are based will prove to be correct, or that the Company's business or operations will not be affected in any material manner by these or other factors not foreseen or foreseeable by the Company or management or beyond the Company's control.



ABOUT AMERICAN WEST METALS

AMERICAN WEST METALS LIMITED (ASX: AW1) is an Australian clean energy mining company focused on growth through the discovery and development of major base metal mineral deposits in Tier 1 jurisdictions of North America. Our strategy is focused on developing mines that have a low-footprint and support the global energy transformation.

Our portfolio of copper and zinc projects in Utah and Canada include significant existing resource inventories and high-grade mineralisation that can generate robust mining proposals. Core to our approach is our commitment to the ethical extraction and processing of minerals and making a meaningful contribution to the communities where our projects are located.

Led by a highly experienced leadership team, our strategic initiatives lay the foundation for a sustainable business which aims to deliver high-multiplier returns on shareholder investment and economic benefits to all stakeholders.



JORC Code, 2012 Edition – Table 1

Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

(Criteria in this section apply to all succeeding sections.)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature and quality of sampling (eg cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling. • Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used. • Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report. • In cases where ‘industry standard’ work has been done this would be relatively simple (eg ‘reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay’). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (eg submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information. 	<p>Drilling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drilling included in the 2023 Maiden Storm Copper MRE (“Storm Copper MRE”) includes historical diamond core drilling (1997, 1999 and 2000), and modern diamond core and reverse circulation (RC) drilling and sampling (2012-2023). • Exploration drilling at the Storm Copper Project (“Storm” or “Storm Copper”) in the 1990’s was conducted by Cominco Ltd. and Noranda Inc. In 1996 Cominco identified the Storm Copper mineralisation through prospecting and surficial sampling. Storm was first drilled with a single core hole in 1996. Subsequent programs were undertaken in 1997, 1999, and 2000. • Geophysical surveys, surficial sampling, and further drilling through to 2001 identified four prospects at Storm Copper, known as the 4100N, 2750N, 2200N, and 3500N zones (now known as Cyclone, Chinook, Corona, and Cirrus deposits, respectively). • Historical diamond sampling consisted of half-cut core submitted to Cominco Resource Laboratory in Vancouver, Canada for multi-element ICP analysis. • Not all aspects relating to the nature and quality of the historical drill sampling can be confirmed. Available details pertaining to historical exploration methods are outlined in the appropriate sections below. • Modern exploration at the Storm Copper Project was re-ignited with drill core resampling programs in 2008, 2012 and 2013 by Commander Resources Ltd. (“Commander”) and Aston Bay Holdings Ltd. (“Aston Bay”). Drilling was undertaken in 2016 by BHP Billiton and Aston Bay, in 2018 by Aston Bay, and in 2022 and 2023 by American West Metals Ltd. (“American West Metals” or “American West”) and Aston Bay.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern diamond core sample intervals were based on visible copper sulphide mineralisation, structure, and geology, as identified by the logging geologist. Sample intervals were marked and recorded for cutting and sampling. Core samples consisted of half- or quarter-cut core submitted to ALS Minerals in North Vancouver, Canada for multi-element ICP analysis. • Modern RC drill holes were sampled in their entirety. RC samples were collected from a riffle splitter in 1.52 m (5-foot) intervals and sent to ALS Minerals for multi-element ICP analysis. <p>Geophysics and Geochemistry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed Loop Electromagnetic (FLEM) surveys were completed by Initial Exploration Services, Canada. • The FLEM surveys were completed using a Geonics TEM57 MK-2 transmitter with TEM67 boosters. An ARMIT Mk2.5 sensor and EMIT SMARTem 24 receiver were used to measure and collect vertical (Z) and horizontal (X and Y) components of the B-Field and its partial derivative dB/dt. • The FLEM surveys were completed in conventional Fixed Loop (FLEM) configuration, with sensors placed both in and out of the loops. • The Moving Loop Electromagnetic (MLEM) surveys were completed by Geophysique TMC, Canada. • The 2023 MLEM surveys were completed using dual Crone PEM transmitters - 9.6kW. Crone surface coil sensors and CRONE CDR4 24 receivers were used to measure and collect vertical (Z) and horizontal (X and Y) components of the secondary field dB/dt. • The 2024 MLEM surveys were completed using Phoenix TXU 30 - 12kW (~40A+ effective power) transmitters and EMIT SMARTem 24 receivers were used to measure and collect vertical (Z) and horizontal (X and Y) components of the B-Field and its partial derivative dB/dt. • The MLEM surveys were completed using both an inloop and 'slingram' (MLEM) configuration, with sensors placed both in and out of each loop. • The Loupe Electromagnetic (TDEM) surveys were completed by APEX Geoscience, Canada. • The TDEM surveys were completed using an EMIT Loupe TDEM

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		<p>system and GEM GSM-19W Overhauser magnetometer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Loupe system incorporates a 3-component coil sensor with 100kHz bandwidth and fast-switching transmitter loop. • The TDEM surveys were completed using both a ‘slingram’ configuration, with the receiver trailing the transmitter by 10m. • The ground gravity surveys were completed by Initial Exploration Services, Canada. • The gravity surveys were completed using a Scintrex Autograv CG-6 gravity meter, and were completed along N-S orientated survey lines with a nominal 150m line spacing and 50m station spacing. • Rock and gossan samples are collected from in-situ, or occasionally float, material at surface as determined by the sampling geologist. The sample weights range between 0.5-5kg and are collected in a marked calico bag for submission for assay.
<p><i>Drilling techniques</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (eg core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical diamond drilling was conducted using a Cominco Ltd. owned, heli-portable Boyles 25A rig with standard NQ diameter core tubing, or a Boyles 18A rig with standard BQ diameter core tubing. Drill core was not oriented. • Modern diamond drilling was conducted with heli-portable rigs. The 2016 program was completed by Geotech Drilling Services Ltd. using a Hydracore 2000 rig with standard NQ diameter core tubing. The 2018, 2022, and 2023 programs were completed by Top Rank Diamond Drilling Ltd. using an Aston Bay owned Zinex A5 rig with standard NQ2 diameter core tubing (2018, 2022), and a Top Rank Discovery II rig with standard NQ2 diameter core tubing (2018, 2022, 2023). The modern drill core was not oriented. • Modern RC drilling was completed by Northspan Explorations Ltd. with a heli-portable Multi-Power Products “Super Hornet” RC rig and ‘Grasshopper’ track mounted rigs utilizing two/three external compressors, each providing 300 cfm/200 psi air. The rig used a modern 3 ½ inch face sampling hammer with 5-foot rod lengths, inner-tube assembly, and 3 ½ inch string diameter.
<p><i>Drill sample recovery</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.</i> • <i>Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drill core logs in 1997 recorded diamond core recovery as a percentage per hole. Recovery was generally good (>95%). • Drill core logs in 1999 and 2000 recorded diamond core recovery on three-metre intervals (a per-run basis), averaging 97% over the two

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.</i> 	<p>programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern diamond core recovery and rock quality designation (RQD) information was recorded by geological staff on three-metre intervals (a per-run basis) for the 2016, 2018, 2022, and 2023 programs. Recoveries were determined by measuring the length of core recovered in each three-metre run. Overall, the diamond core was competent, and recovery was very good, averaging 97%. • Sample recovery and sample condition was noted and recorded for all RC drilling. Recovery estimates were qualitative and based on the relative size of the returned sample. Due to pervasive and deep permafrost, virtually no wet samples were returned and preferential sampling of fine vs. coarse material is considered negligible. • No relationship has been identified between sample recovery and grade in modern drilling and no sample bias is believed to exist. Good recoveries are generally maintained in areas of high-grade mineralisation.
Logging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.</i> • <i>Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography.</i> • <i>The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical and modern logging was both qualitative and quantitative, and all holes were logged in full. • Historical core logging comprised detailed geological descriptions including geological formation, lithology, texture, structure, and mineralisation. This data was transcribed and standardized to conform with modern logging codes for import into the Storm Copper geological database. • During the 2012-2013 resampling programs, select drillholes were re-logged with reference to the historical drilling records to establish continuity and conformity of geological assignment. • Modern diamond core logging was completed on-site and in detail for lithology, oxidation, texture, structure, mineralisation, and geotechnical data. • Modern RC holes were logged on a 5-foot basis (1.52 m) for lithology, oxidation, texture, structure and mineralisation. • All modern drillholes were logged in full by geologists from BHP Billiton, Aston Bay, or APEX Geoscience Ltd. ("APEX"), an independent geological consultancy. • High resolution wet and dry core and RC chip photos are available for all modern drillholes in full. Lower resolution core photos are

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		<p>available for some historical holes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rock and gossan samples are recorded for lithology, location, type and nature of the sample. Portable XRF may be used to assist with sample selection.
<p><i>Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.</i> <i>If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.</i> <i>For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</i> <i>Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.</i> <i>Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.</i> <i>Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details relating to sampling techniques employed by historical explorers, including quality control procedures, have not been preserved. It has been noted from examination of the historical core that half-core samples were taken. Samples were between 0.1 and 5.5 m in length and averaged 1.1 m. Holes were only sampled in areas of visible mineralisation. The 2012-2013 resampling program included samples 0.5-2.8 m in length (average 1.4 m) and included the insertion of QAQC samples such as standards and blanks. Where core was re-sampled from the historical assay intervals, quarter core was taken from the remaining half core. Where new samples were taken, half core was sampled. Modern core drilling samples were 0.3 to 3 m in length (average 1.4 m) and included the insertion of QAQC samples (~13%) including certified reference materials (standards), blanks, and field duplicates. Half core was sampled for most laboratory analyses, with quarter core used for duplicate samples. Quarter core was sampled for laboratory analysis in holes designated for metallurgical testing. The remaining three-quarter core was set aside for metallurgical testing. Drill core sample intervals were selected based on geological and/or mineralogical boundaries. Holes were sampled in areas of visible mineralisation, with modest shoulder samples above, below, and between mineralised zones. RC holes were sampled in full on nominal 1.52 m intervals in conjunction with the 5-foot drill rod lengths. The assay samples were collected as 12.5% sub-sample splits from a riffle splitter used for homogenisation. QAQC samples (~13%) were inserted using the same procedures as the modern core drilling. Sample sizes are considered to be appropriate to correctly represent base metal sulphide mineralisation and associated geology based on the style and consistency of mineralisation, and sampling method.
<p><i>Quality of assay data</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical core assays (1997 to 2000) were conducted at the Cominco Resource Laboratory in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The

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and laboratory tests	<p><i>partial or total.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.</i> • <i>Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (ie lack of bias) and precision have been established.</i> 	<p>samples were analysed by ICP-AAS with 28-element return. QAQC procedures including the use of blank, standard, or duplicate samples were either not used or not available and have not been subsequently located.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern core (2016 to 2023) and RC (2023) analyses were conducted by ALS Geochemistry, an independent, accredited analytical laboratory. Most of the sample preparation was completed at the ALS laboratory in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada, and the analytical procedures were completed at the ALS laboratory in North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. • Modern core and RC samples were weighted, dried and crushed to >70% passing 2 mm mesh, followed by a split pulverized to 85% passing 75 µm mesh. The samples were sent to ALS for multi-element analysis by 4-acid digestion with ICP-MS and ICP-AES finish. Samples with values for elements of interest (Cu or Zn) exceeding the upper detection limits of the applied method were further analyzed by ore-grade acid digestion and ICP-AES, as needed. • In addition to the field QAQC procedures described above, ALS Geochemistry inserts their own standards and blanks at set intervals and monitor the precision of the analyses. • The assay method and laboratory procedures are within industry standards and are considered appropriate for the commodities of interest and style of mineralisation. The four-acid ICP techniques are designed to report precise elemental returns.
Verification of sampling and assaying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</i> • <i>The use of twinned holes.</i> • <i>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</i> • <i>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant intersections are verified by the Company's technical staff and a suitably qualified Competent Person. • Drill hole logs are inspected to verify the correlation of mineralised zones between assay results and pertinent lithology/alteration/mineralisation. • Drillhole data is logged into locked Excel logging templates and imported into the Storm Copper Project database for validation. • No twin holes were used, however, resampling of select historical holes was conducted in 2008 by Commander Resources Ltd. Six samples from five holes at Storm Copper were re-analysed, showing good agreement with copper results from the original analyses. The

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		<p>2008 Commander results were not substituted for the historical results in the current MRE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further resampling was conducted in 2012 and 2013 to confirm the historical reported mineralisation and fill sampling gaps in select holes. The resampled intervals were not directly replicated with certainty as there were no sample markers on the core; however, the 2012 results (grade over width) were found to be comparable to the reported historical data. In addition to re-sampling of mineralised core, previously unsampled core was sampled over select intervals to fill sampling gaps between mineralised zones, and in some cases as shoulder samples. The 2012 re-assay results were used in some places instead of historical results because of irregular gaps in the historical sampling sequences. Several of these intervals were included in the Storm Copper Project database used in the MRE. • No adjustments were made to the historical assay data, other than described above with respect to the re-assay program.
<p><i>Location of data points</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.</i> • <i>Specification of the grid system used.</i> • <i>Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical drill collars were recorded via handheld GPS in Universal Transverse Mercator (“UTM”) coordinates referenced to NAD83 Zone 15N. • No downhole survey data is available for the historical drilling. • In 2012, over 60 historical Storm Copper drillhole collars were confirmed on the ground and recaptured via handheld Garmin GPS considered accurate to +/- 5 m. • Modern drillholes, FLEM, MLEM, TDEM, gravity and rock/soil sampling were located using handheld Garmin GPS considered accurate to +/- 5 m. All coordinates were recorded in UTM coordinates referenced to WGS84 Zone 15N (and converted to NADS83). • Topographic elevation control is provided by a digital terrain model included as a deliverable from an Airborne Gravity and Gradiometry survey flown in 2017. • Modern drilling collected downhole multi-shot surveys with station captures at 100 m nominal intervals (2018) or continuous surveys with station captures at 5 m intervals (2022/2023). Core surveys were collected by north-seeking gyroscopic downhole tools (Reflex EZ Gyro or Gyro Sprint IQ). RC downhole surveys were collected using a

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		<p>referential downhole gyroscopic tool (SlimGyro) in conjunction with a north-seeking collar setup tool (Reflex TN14 Gyrocompass). The holes were largely straight with some expected minor deviation in the slim-line RC drillholes.</p>
<p><i>Data spacing and distribution</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</i> • <i>Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.</i> • <i>Whether sample compositing has been applied.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent drilling at the Storm Copper Project has generally conformed with historical drilling section lines. Drilling is spaced up to 50 m at Cyclone, up to 30 m at Chinook, and up to 100 m at Corona and Cirrus. The data distribution is considered sufficient to establish geological and grade continuity for estimation of Mineral Resources at Cyclone, Chinook, Corona, and Cirrus, in accordance with the 2012 JORC Code. • Developing prospects at Storm Copper (e.g. Cyclone North, Thunder, Lightning Ridge, The Gap) require additional drilling to produce the data spacing required to establish sufficient geological and grade continuity for a JORC compliant Mineral Resource Estimation. No Mineral Resources are estimated for these targets at this time. • Relevant drilling data was composited to 1.5 m lengths prior to Mineral Resource Estimation. A balanced compositing approach was used which allowed composite lengths of +/- 40% in an effort to minimize orphans. • The Storm FLEM loops were 1,000m by 1,000m, orientated to 0 degrees, and used stations spacings of 100m with 50m infills. • The 2023 Storm MLEM loops are 100m x 100m, surveying complete with a N-S line direction, with a line spacing of 100m and station spacings of 50m. • The 2024 Storm MLEM loops are 200m x 200m, surveying complete with a N-S line direction, with a line spacing of 200-400m and station spacings of 100m. • The Tempest TDEM surveys were completed with E-W lines with a 200m spacing, with 100m infills, and with a station spacing of 1.2m. • The gravity surveys were completed along N-S orientated survey lines with a nominal 150m line spacing and 50m station spacing • The gravity 3D inversion was completed using a 40 x 40 x 20 mesh in VOXI. • All rock samples are randomly collected and relate directly to the

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Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type. • If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material. 	<p>outcropping geology available for sampling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mineralisation at Storm strikes east-west and dips to the north at Cyclone, Chinook, Corona and Cirrus. • Historical and modern drilling was primarily oriented to the north (000) or south (090) and designed to intersect approximately perpendicular to the mineralised trends. Holes were angled to achieve (where possible) a true-width intercept through the mineralised zones. Holes at Cyclone, Chinook and Corona were angled between -45 and -90 degrees. Holes at Cirrus were angled between -45 and -75 degrees. The orientation of key structures may be locally variable. • Structural or mineralised geometries have not been confirmed at developing prospects (Thunder, Lightning Ridge, The Gap, Cyclone North), though exploration holes are angled based on estimations of stratigraphic orientation. • No orientation-based sampling bias has been identified in the data to date.
Sample security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The measures taken to ensure sample security. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No details of measures to ensure sample security are available for the historical work. • During the modern drilling and sampling programs, samples were placed directly into a labelled plastic sample bag and sealed along with a sample tag inscribed with the unique sample number. The plastic bags were placed in woven rice (poly) bags which were secured with numbered security cable ties for shipment to the laboratory. Chain of custody was tracked and maintained throughout the shipping process. • Sample submissions with complete list of the included samples were emailed to the laboratory, where the sample counts and numbers were checked by laboratory staff.
Audits or reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No formal reviews or audits of the core sampling techniques or data were reported during the exploration by Cominco or Noranda. • American West Metals, APEX, and the CP reviewed all available modern and historical data and sampling techniques to determine suitability for inclusion in the Mineral Resource Estimation. • The work pertaining to this report has been carried out by reputable

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		<p>companies and laboratories using industry best practice and is considered suitable for use in the Mineral Resource Estimation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review of the FLEM, MLEM and gravity data was completed by Southern Geoscience Consultants (SGC) who considered to surveys to be effective for these styles of mineralisation. • The TDEM data was obtained and processed by APEX Geoscience Ltd as an independent contractor and was subject to internal review and interpretation.

Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results

(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section.)

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Mineral tenement and land tenure status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.</i> • <i>The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Aston Bay Property is located on northern Somerset Island, Nunavut, in the Canadian Arctic Archipelago. The Property comprises 173 contiguous mineral claims covering a combined area of 219,256.7 hectares. The mineral claims are located on Crown land. • The Aston Bay Property includes the Storm Copper Project, Seal Zinc Project, and numerous regional prospects and targets. • The information in this release relates to mineral claims 100085, 100086, 100089 and 100090 within the Aston Bay Property. • All mineral claims are in good standing and held 100% by Aston Bay Holdings Ltd. • A portion of the Aston Bay Property, including the Storm Copper deposits, is subject to a 0.875% Gross Overriding Royalty held by Commander Resources Ltd. Aston Bay retains the option to buy down the royalty to 0.4% by making a one-time payment of CAD\$4 million to Commander. • On March 9, 2021, Aston Bay entered into an option agreement with American West Metals, and its wholly owned Canadian subsidiary Tornado Metals Ltd., pursuant to which American West was granted an option to earn an 80% undivided interest in the Aston Bay Property by spending a minimum of CAD\$10 million on qualifying exploration expenditures. The parties amended and restated the Option Agreement as of February 27, 2023, to facilitate American West potentially financing the expenditures through flow-through

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		<p>shares but did not change the commercial agreement between the parties. The expenditure requirements were completed during 2023 and American West exercised the option. American West and Aston Bay will form an 80/20 unincorporated joint venture and enter into a joint venture agreement. Under such agreement, Aston Bay shall have a free carried interest until American West has made a decision to mine upon completion of a bankable feasibility study, meaning American West will be solely responsible for funding the joint venture until such decision is made. After such decision is made, Aston Bay will be diluted in the event it does not elect to contribute its proportionate share and its interest in the Project will be converted into a 2% net smelter returns royalty if its interest is diluted to below 10%.</p>
<p>Exploration done by other parties</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploration work in the areas around the Aston Bay Property and the Storm Copper Project has been carried out intermittently since the 1960's. Most of the historical work at Storm was undertaken by, or on behalf of, Cominco Ltd. ("Cominco"). • From 1966 to 1993, exploration by Cominco, J.C. Sproule and Associates Ltd, and Esso Minerals consisted largely of geochemical sampling, prospecting, mapping and a radiometric survey for uranium mineralisation. • In 1994-1996 Cominco conducted geological mapping, geochemical sampling, ground IP and gravity surveys, and drilling at the Seal Zinc Project. • In 1996 Cominco geologists discovered large chalcocite boulders in Ivor Creek, about 20 km east of Aston Bay, subsequently named the 2750N zone (Chinook Deposit). Copper mineralisation identified over a 7 km structural trend in the Paleozoic dolostones were named the Storm Copper showings (4100N, 2750N, 2200N, and 3500N zones). • In 1997, Sander Geophysics Ltd, on behalf of Cominco, conducted a high-resolution aeromagnetic survey over a 5,000 km² area of northern Somerset Island. A total of 89 line-km of IP and 71.75 line-km of HLEM surveys were completed, and 536 soil samples were collected at Storm Copper. Additionally, 17 diamond core holes totaling 2,784.5 m were completed at Storm Copper. • In 1998 Cominco completed 44.5 line-km of IP and collected 2,054 surface samples (soil and base-of-slope samples) at Storm Copper.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1999 Cominco completed 57.7 line-km of IP at Storm Copper. A total of 750 soil samples were collected on a grid in the Storm central graben area. Cominco also drilled 41 diamond core holes totaling 4,593 m at Storm Copper. • In 2000, under an option agreement with Cominco, Noranda Inc flew a 3,260 line-km GEOTEM electromagnetic and magnetic airborne geophysical survey over the property, with follow-up ground UTEM, HLEM, magnetics and gravity surveys. Eleven diamond core holes, totaling 1,886 m were completed; eight of which were drilled at the current Storm Copper Project. • In 2001 Noranda Inc. completed drilling at the Seal Zinc Project. • In 2008 Commander Resources Ltd. completed ground truthing of the Cominco geological maps along with limited confirmation resampling at Storm and Seal. • In 2011 Geotech Ltd, on behalf of Commander, conducted a heli-borne VTEM and aeromagnetic survey over the Storm Copper Project and Central Graben area. • In 2012-2013, Aston Bay Holdings completed desktop studies and review of the Commander and Cominco databases, along with ground truthing, re-sampling and re-logging operations. • In 2016, Aston Bay completed 12 diamond core holes totaling 1,951 m, which included the collection of downhole time domain EM surveys on five of the drillholes. Additionally, 2,026 surface geochemical samples were collected. • In 2017, Aston Bay contracted CGG Multi-Physics to fly a property-wide Falcon Plus airborne gravity gradiometry survey for 14,672 line-km. • In 2018 Aston Bay completed 13 diamond core holes totaling 3,138 m at the Storm and Seal Projects. • In 2021 Aston Bay entered into an option agreement with American West Metals Ltd. whereby American West could earn an 80% interest in the Aston Bay Property. • In 2021 Aston Bay and American West Metals completed a 94.4 line-km fixed loop, time domain EM ground survey at the Seal Zinc and Storm Copper Projects.
Geology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Aston Bay Property covers a portion of the Cornwallis Fold and

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		<p>Thrust Belt, which affected sediments of the Arctic Platform deposited on a stable, passive continental margin that existed from Late Proterozoic to Late Silurian.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Storm Copper Project, a collection of copper deposits (Cyclone, Chinook, Corona, and Cirrus) and other prospects/showings, is centered around faults that define an east-west trending Central Graben. The Central Graben locally juxtaposes the conformable Ordovician-Silurian Allen Bay Formation, the Silurian Cape Storm Formation and the Silurian Douro Formation. • The Allen Bay Formation consists of buff dolostone with common chert nodules and vuggy crinoidal dolowackestone. The Cape Storm Formation consists of light grey platy dolostone with argillaceous interbeds. The Douro Formation consists of dark green nodular argillaceous fossiliferous limestone. • The Storm Copper deposits all lie within the upper 80 m of the Allen Bay Formation and to a lesser extent in the basal Cape Storm Formation. The development of the Central Graben was likely a principal control on the migration of mineralising fluids, and the relatively impermeable and ductile Cape Storm Formation acted as a footwall “cap” for the fluids. • The Storm Copper deposit sulphide mineralisation is most commonly hosted within structurally prepared ground, infilling fractures and a variety of breccias including crackle breccias, and lesser in-situ replacement and dissolution breccias. Chalcocite is the most common copper mineral, with lesser chalcopyrite, and bornite, and accessory cuprite, covellite, azurite, malachite, and native copper. • Storm Copper is interpreted to be a sediment-hosted stratiform copper sulphide deposit and can be broadly compared to Kupferschiefer and Kipushi type deposits.
<p><i>Drill hole Information</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>easting and northing of the drill hole collar</i> ○ <i>elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar</i> ○ <i>dip and azimuth of the hole</i> ○ <i>down hole length and interception depth</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All historical and modern drill holes and significant intercepts were independently compiled by APEX for use in the MRE. • Supporting drill hole information (easting, northing, elevation, dip, azimuth, hole length, significant intercepts) are included in Appendix B of the release. • Significant intercepts relating to the Storm Copper Project have been described in previous publicly available announcements, releases,

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ hole length. ● If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case. 	<p>and reports.</p>
Data aggregation methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated. ● Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail. ● The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Length weighted averaging was applied to the reported drillhole intersection grades. ● All drill assay results used in the calculation of this MRE are understood to have been previously reported and published in relevant announcements, releases, and reports. No new drilling results are being reported with this release. ● No metal equivalent values are used.
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results. ● If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported. ● If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (eg 'down hole length, true width not known'). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Based on extensive drilling at the Storm Copper Project, mineralisation strikes roughly east-west at all prospects, and dips shallowly to the north (<10°) at Cyclone, Corona, and Cirrus. Mineralisation at Chinook is vertically plumbed, showing multiple fault structures, and has a steeper dip (~40°). ● Historical and modern drilling was oriented to the north or south, designed to intersect approximately perpendicular to the trends described above. Holes were angled to achieve (where possible) a true-width intercept through the mineralised zones. ● Structural or mineralised geometries have not been confirmed at developing prospects (Thunder, Lightning Ridge, the Gap, Cyclone North), though exploration holes are angled based on estimations of stratigraphic orientation. ● Any drillhole intersections are reported as downhole lengths and are not necessarily considered to be representative of true widths. Significant intercepts relating to the Storm Copper Project have been described in previous announcements, releases, and reports. These documents present detailed information related to mineralised intercepts and include representative drill hole cross sections and related maps showing the distribution of significant mineralisation.

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Diagrams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported. These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant intercepts relating to the Storm Copper Project have been described in previous announcements, releases, and reports. Appropriate location and layout maps, along with cross sections and diagrams illustrating the mineralisation wireframes are included in the body of the release.
Balanced reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All drill assay results used in the estimation of this Mineral Resource have been sourced from data compiled by the previous explorers listed above, or from information published in previous announcements, releases, and reports. All material exploration results have been reported.
Other substantive exploration data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All material data has been reported.
Further work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling). Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional drilling is planned to extend mineralisation beyond the major zones outlined by the current Mineral Resource Estimation, including work at Thunder, Lightning Ridge, the Gap, and Cyclone North. Technical reporting on the resource modelling and estimation using recent and historical drill hole data is currently underway. Further activities are being planned to explore for and identify new targets and high-priority exploration areas within the Storm Copper Project.

Section 3 Estimation and Reporting of Mineral Resources

(Criteria listed in section 1, and where relevant in section 2, also apply to this section.)

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Database integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures taken to ensure that data has not been corrupted by, for example, transcription or keying errors, between its initial collection and its use for Mineral Resource estimation purposes. Data validation procedures used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern drill logging data were collected in Excel format and verified by a geologist prior to importing to the project database. All modern logging and analytical data were imported into a Micromine database and validated using the Micromine drillhole database validation tool. Historical drilling data were sourced from original paper logs in publicly available Nunavut assessment reports detailing historical drilling programs, and from original Cominco digital data acquired from Cominco's successor, Teck Resources Ltd., in 2012. Paper logs were transcribed to Excel format for use in the project database. The Cominco digital data were compiled, reviewed, and verified against the original sources by Aston Bay in conjunction with the 2012-2013 re-logging and re-sampling campaigns. The verified historical data in digital format was incorporated into the Storm Copper Project database. Data was again reviewed during the resource modeling stage to ensure any transcription errors were corrected. All modern assays were reported by the laboratory in digital format reducing transcription errors. The Storm Copper Project database is maintained by APEX Geoscience Ltd. An APEX CP independently reviewed the drill hole database for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> drill collar errors duplicate samples overlapping intervals interval sequence geological inaccuracies statistical review of raw assay samples
Site visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comment on any site visits undertaken by the Competent Person and the outcome of those visits. If no site visits have been undertaken indicate why this is the case. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Christopher Livingstone, P.Geo., Senior Geologist of APEX and a Competent Person, conducted site visits during the 2018, 2022, and 2023 drill programs, and included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A tour of the Aston Bay Property to verify the reported geology and mineralisation at the Storm Copper Project, including the Cyclone, Chinook, Corona, and Cirrus deposits, as well as the Seal Zinc Project, and several other targets and prospects. An inspection of the core logging facility and review of logging and sampling procedures for each program, including internal QAQC procedures. Drill site and rig inspections, and collar verification.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review of modern drill core from each program and select historical drill intercepts. • The Mineral Resource Estimation was prepared and reviewed by Mr. Kevin Hon, P.Geo., Senior Geologist, Mr. Warren Black, P.Geo., Senior Geologist and Geostatistician, and Mr. Steve Nicholls, MAIG, Senior Resource Geologist, all of APEX and Competent Persons. Mr. Hon, Mr. Black, and Mr. Nicholls did not conduct a site visit as Mr. Livingstone's visit was deemed sufficient by the CPs.
<i>Geological interpretation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Confidence in (or conversely, the uncertainty of) the geological interpretation of the mineral deposit.</i> • <i>Nature of the data used and of any assumptions made.</i> • <i>The effect, if any, of alternative interpretations on Mineral Resource estimation.</i> • <i>The use of geology in guiding and controlling Mineral Resource estimation.</i> • <i>The factors affecting continuity both of grade and geology.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Storm Copper Project is interpreted to be a shallowly dipping sediment-hosted stratiform copper sulphide deposit. Shallow mineralisation associated with the Cyclone, Chinook, Corona, and Cirrus deposits is hosted within structurally prepared ground. • Individual geological interpretations for the Cyclone, Chinook, Corona, and Cirrus deposits were developed by APEX and American West Metals, building on previous work completed by APEX and Aston Bay. Wireframe models were constructed in Micromine 2023.5 using the implicit modeler module and drilling data as input, with manual inputs as necessary. The geological model represents the geological interpretation of the Storm Copper Project backed by geological logs of drillholes. The primary data sources included the available drill hole data as well as surface geological mapping. • New (2022-2023) drill holes confirmed the existence of mineralised material at the expected horizons in the Cyclone, Chinook, and Corona deposit areas. Mineralised zones were traced across different drilling generations and confirmed to be the same geological horizons. • Estimation domains created for the Mineral Resource Estimate adhere to the interpreted geological boundaries. Mineralised intervals were grouped together by the same geological features.
<i>Dimensions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The extent and variability of the Mineral Resource expressed as length (along strike or otherwise), plan width, and depth below surface to the upper and lower limits of the Mineral Resource.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2023 Maiden Storm Copper MRE area extends over an east-west length of 4.3 km (462,290 – 466,600 mE) and north-south length 2.5 km (8,172,130 - 8,174,620 mN) and spans a vertical distance of 220 m (62.5 – 282.5 mRL). • The Cyclone deposit area extends over an east-west length of 1.45 km (464,295 – 465,745 mE) and north-south length of 625 m (8,173,995 – 8,174,620 mN) and spans a vertical distance of 125 m (157.5 – 282.5 mRL). • The Chinook deposit area extends over an east-west length of 315 m (466,100 – 466,415 mE) and north-south length of 205 m (8,172,720 – 8,172,925 mN) and spans a vertical distance of 190 m (62.5 – 252.5 mRL). • The Corona deposit area extends over an east-west length of 575 m (466,025 – 466,600 mE) and north-south length of 345 m (8,172,130 – 8,172,475 mN) and spans a vertical

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		<p>distance of 82.5 m (152.5 – 235 mRL).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Cirrus deposit area extends over an east-west length of 470 m (462,290 – 462,760 mE) and north-south length of 215 m (8,173,755 – 8,173,970 mN) and a vertical distance of 112.5 m (107.5 – 220 mRL).
<p><i>Estimation and modelling techniques</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The nature and appropriateness of the estimation technique(s) applied and key assumptions, including treatment of extreme grade values, domaining, interpolation parameters and maximum distance of extrapolation from data points. If a computer assisted estimation method was chosen include a description of computer software and parameters used.</i> <i>The availability of check estimates, previous estimates and/or mine production records and whether the Mineral Resource estimate takes appropriate account of such data.</i> <i>The assumptions made regarding recovery of by-products.</i> <i>Estimation of deleterious elements or other non-grade variables of economic significance (eg sulphur for acid mine drainage characterisation).</i> <i>In the case of block model interpolation, the block size in relation to the average sample spacing and the search employed.</i> <i>Any assumptions behind modelling of selective mining units.</i> <i>Any assumptions about correlation between variables.</i> <i>Description of how the geological interpretation was used to control the resource estimates.</i> <i>Discussion of basis for using or not using grade cutting or capping.</i> <i>The process of validation, the checking process used, the comparison of model data to drill hole</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimation domains were constructed to honour the geological interpretation. Zones of mineralisation that were traced laterally through multiple drillholes defined the individual estimation domain wireframe shapes. Domains were constructed using the Micromine 2023.5 implicit modeler module with manual inputs as necessary. Composites within each domain were analyzed for extreme outliers and composite grade value was capped. Grade capping or top cutting restricts the influence of extreme values. Examination of the Cu and Ag populations per zone indicated some outlier samples exist. Capping was performed per zone to help limit overestimation. The Cyclone zone was capped at 11 % Cu and 28 g/t Ag leading to 3 copper and 7 silver composites being capped. The Chinook zone was capped at 10 % Cu and no capping for silver. Thirteen copper composites were capped. The Corona zone was capped at 9 % copper and no capping for silver leading to 2 copper composites being capped. The Cirrus zone was capped at 2% copper and 10 g/t silver leading to 6 copper and 1 silver composites being capped. Variograms were modelled using estimation domain constrained composites, and the resulting parameters were used to estimate average block grades by the Ordinary Kriging (OK) method carried out by the python package Resource Modelling Solutions Platform (RMSP) version 1.10.2. Elements Cu (%) and Ag (g/t) were estimated separately using OK. The block model dimensions used are 5 m x 5 m x 2.5 m for the X, Y, and Z axes which is appropriate with the anticipated selective mining unit (SMU). A dynamic search was used to more accurately represent the mineralisation trend at a given block location. A three-pass estimation was used with the maximum range determined by the variogram analysis. The maximum distance of extrapolation of data was 125 m away from the nearest drillhole. Volume-variance analysis was performed to ensure the model provided the expected tonnes and grade at a given cutoff which are calculated from declustered composites and the blank block model size. There is a potential to obtain silver credits during extraction of copper. For this reason, silver was estimated separately from copper. There appears to be a low correlation between copper and silver from the samples in the current database. The estimation domains were constructed to capture the mineralized

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	<i>data, and use of reconciliation data if available.</i>	<p>copper intervals while representing the geology. Silver was estimated inside the same estimation domains but separate from copper. Further geological and metallurgical testing is needed to better understand this relationship.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimation domains and block models were validated visually by APEX resource geologists and the CP upon completion. • No check estimates were performed as this was the Maiden Mineral Resource Estimation for the Storm Copper Project.
Moisture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Whether the tonnages are estimated on a dry basis or with natural moisture, and the method of determination of the moisture content.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry samples were used to estimate the 2023 Maiden Storm Copper MRE. No determinations of moisture content have been made.
Cut-off parameters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The basis of the adopted cut-off grade(s) or quality parameters applied.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2023 Maiden Storm Copper MRE is limited to material contained within the estimation domains at a nominal 0.3% mineralised envelope and is reported at a lower cut-off grade of 0.35% copper. The Storm Copper MRE detailed herein is reported as undiluted and unconstrained by pit optimization. However, the reporting cut-off grade was based on assumptions regarding possible mining methods, metal prices, metal recoveries, mining costs, processing costs, and G&A costs presented below. • Open pit mining assumes a copper price of USD\$3.85 per pound (USD\$8,487.90/t) with 90% recovery of total copper. • Cost assumptions were used to determine the reporting cut-off grade: open pit mining cost (USD\$5.00/t), processing (USD\$10.00/t), and G&A (USD\$12.00/t). Processing costs assume the use of ore sorting and jigging/dense medium separation techniques rather than traditional floatation. Cost assumptions were based on parameters used for comparable deposits. • The Storm Copper MRE is sensitive to the selection of a reporting cut-off value, as presented in the table below:

Deposit	Category	Cu Cutoff (%)	Ore Type	Tonnes	Cu (%)	Ag (g/t)	Cu (t)	Ag (Oz)
Cyclone (4100N Zone)	Indicated	0.2	Sulphide	5,270,000	1.19	3.32	62,700	562,800
		0.25	Sulphide	5,190,000	1.20	3.35	62,600	559,200
		0.3	Sulphide	5,090,000	1.22	3.38	62,300	553,400

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			0.35	Sulphide	4,880,000	1.26	3.45	61,600	541,100	
			0.4	Sulphide	4,690,000	1.30	3.51	60,900	528,200	
			0.5	Sulphide	4,330,000	1.37	3.63	59,300	504,800	
			0.6	Sulphide	4,000,000	1.44	3.76	57,400	483,700	
			0.7	Sulphide	3,630,000	1.52	3.93	55,100	458,500	
			0.8	Sulphide	3,250,000	1.61	4.07	52,200	425,400	
			0.9	Sulphide	2,860,000	1.71	4.24	48,800	389,200	
			1.0	Sulphide	2,500,000	1.82	4.45	45,500	357,200	
			1.5	Sulphide	1,350,000	2.32	5.25	31,400	228,300	
		Inferred	0.2	Sulphide	7,930,000	1.12	3.81	88,800	971,900	
			0.25	Sulphide	7,730,000	1.14	3.87	88,400	961,600	
			0.3	Sulphide	7,520,000	1.17	3.93	87,800	950,900	
			0.35	Sulphide	7,210,000	1.20	4.03	86,800	934,700	
			0.4	Sulphide	6,930,000	1.24	4.13	85,700	919,700	
			0.5	Sulphide	6,210,000	1.33	4.41	82,500	881,000	
			0.6	Sulphide	5,440,000	1.44	4.74	78,200	829,300	
			0.7	Sulphide	4,770,000	1.55	5.08	73,900	779,200	
			0.8	Sulphide	4,250,000	1.65	5.36	70,000	733,600	
			0.9	Sulphide	3,820,000	1.74	5.65	66,300	693,600	
			1.0	Sulphide	3,410,000	1.83	5.95	62,500	653,400	
		1.5	Sulphide	1,780,000	2.38	7.56	42,200	431,700		
	Chinook (2750N Zone)	Inferred	0.2	Sulphide	2,400,000	1.37	3.80	32,900	293,000	
				0.25	Sulphide	2,340,000	1.40	3.85	32,800	290,400
				0.3	Sulphide	2,290,000	1.42	3.91	32,600	287,900
				0.35	Sulphide	2,190,000	1.47	4.00	32,300	282,300
				0.4	Sulphide	2,070,000	1.54	4.11	31,800	273,200
				0.5	Sulphide	1,910,000	1.63	4.31	31,100	263,700
				0.6	Sulphide	1,780,000	1.71	4.44	30,400	254,300
				0.7	Sulphide	1,640,000	1.80	4.57	29,500	240,700
		0.8	Sulphide	1,550,000	1.86	4.64	28,800	230,600		

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		0.9	Sulphide	1,460,000	1.93	4.73	28,000	221,500	
		1.0	Sulphide	1,360,000	1.99	4.82	27,100	211,100	
		1.5	Sulphide	880,000	2.40	4.88	21,200	138,600	
	Corona (2200N Zone)	Inferred	0.2	Sulphide	2,070,000	0.77	1.38	15,900	91,600
			0.25	Sulphide	1,960,000	0.80	1.40	15,600	88,400
			0.3	Sulphide	1,810,000	0.84	1.43	15,200	83,400
			0.35	Sulphide	1,640,000	0.89	1.48	14,700	77,700
			0.4	Sulphide	1,450,000	0.96	1.54	14,000	71,700
			0.5	Sulphide	1,160,000	1.09	1.64	12,700	61,300
			0.6	Sulphide	930,000	1.22	1.73	11,400	51,700
			0.7	Sulphide	780,000	1.34	1.78	10,400	44,700
			0.8	Sulphide	650,000	1.46	1.85	9,400	38,600
			0.9	Sulphide	530,000	1.60	1.94	8,400	32,900
			1.0	Sulphide	370,000	1.87	2.16	6,900	25,600
			1.5	Sulphide	160,000	2.72	2.83	4,300	14,500
	Cirrus (3500N Zone)	Inferred	0.2	Sulphide	1,860,000	0.57	1.28	10,500	76,300
			0.25	Sulphide	1,790,000	0.58	1.27	10,400	73,000
			0.3	Sulphide	1,700,000	0.60	1.29	10,100	70,500
			0.35	Sulphide	1,550,000	0.62	1.29	9,700	64,400
			0.4	Sulphide	1,460,000	0.64	1.29	9,300	60,500
			0.5	Sulphide	1,070,000	0.70	1.35	7,500	46,300
			0.6	Sulphide	690,000	0.79	1.35	5,500	30,200
			0.7	Sulphide	420,000	0.88	1.26	3,700	16,900
			0.8	Sulphide	250,000	0.97	1.16	2,500	9,500
			0.9	Sulphide	150,000	1.06	1.05	1,600	5,000
			1.0	Sulphide	80,000	1.15	0.99	900	2,600
	1.5	Sulphide	3,000	1.67	0.64	50	60		
	Global	Ind + Inf	0.2	Sulphide	19,520,000	1.08	3.18	210,900	1,995,500
			0.25	Sulphide	19,010,000	1.10	3.23	209,700	1,972,600
			0.3	Sulphide	18,410,000	1.13	3.29	208,000	1,946,100

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		0.35	Sulphide	17,480,000	1.17	3.38	205,000	1,900,200
		0.4	Sulphide	16,590,000	1.22	3.47	201,700	1,853,500
		0.5	Sulphide	14,670,000	1.32	3.72	193,000	1,757,000
		0.6	Sulphide	12,850,000	1.42	3.99	183,000	1,649,200
		0.7	Sulphide	11,240,000	1.54	4.26	172,600	1,540,000
		0.8	Sulphide	9,950,000	1.64	4.49	162,900	1,437,700
		0.9	Sulphide	8,800,000	1.74	4.74	153,200	1,342,300
		1.0	Sulphide	7,720,000	1.85	5.03	142,900	1,249,900
		1.5	Sulphide	4,170,000	2.38	6.06	99,200	813,200

Notes:

1. The 2023 Maiden Storm Copper MRE is reported in accordance with the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (The Joint Ore Reserves Committee Code – JORC 2012 Edition).
2. The 2023 Maiden Storm Copper MRE was prepared and reviewed by Mr. Kevin Hon, P.Geo., Mr. Christopher Livingstone, P.Geo., Mr. Warren Black, P.Geo., and Mr. Steve Nicholls, MAIG, all Senior Consultants at APEX Geoscience Ltd. and Competent Persons.
3. Mineral resources which are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. No mineral reserves have been calculated for the Storm Project. There is no guarantee that any part of mineral resources discussed herein will be converted to a mineral reserve in the future.
4. The quantity and grade of the reported Inferred Resources are uncertain in nature and there has not been sufficient work to define these Inferred Resources as Indicated or Measured Resources. It is reasonably expected that most of the Inferred Mineral Resources could be upgraded to Indicated Mineral Resources with continued exploration.
5. All figures are rounded to reflect the relative accuracy of the estimates. Tonnes have been rounded to the nearest 10,000 and contained metals have been rounded to the nearest 100 copper tonnes or silver ounces. Totals may not sum due to rounding.
6. A global bulk density of 2.79 was used for the Storm Project MRE.
7. The 2023 Maiden Storm Copper MRE is limited to material contained within the estimation domains at a nominal 0.3% copper mineralised envelope and is reported at a lower cut-off grade of 0.35% copper. The Storm Copper MRE detailed herein is reported as undiluted and unconstrained by pit optimization. The reporting cut-off grade was based on assumptions regarding possible mining methods, metal prices, metal recoveries, mining costs, processing costs, and G&A costs.

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		<p>8. Open pit mining assumes a copper price of USD\$3.85 per pound (USD\$8,487.90/t) with 90% recovery of total copper.</p> <p>9. Costs are USD\$5/t for mining, USD\$10/t for processing, and USD\$12/t for G&A, leading to a cut-off grade of 0.35% copper.</p>
<p><i>Mining factors or assumptions</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assumptions made regarding possible mining methods, minimum mining dimensions and internal (or, if applicable, external) mining dilution. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider potential mining methods, but the assumptions made regarding mining methods and parameters when estimating Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the mining assumptions made. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given the shallow depth of mineralisation at the Storm Copper deposits the assumed mining method is open pit. A selective mining unit size of 5 m x 5 m x 2.5 m was chosen. Pit slopes were assumed to be 44 degrees. No geotechnical studies have been completed to date to support this assumption. A requirement for shallower pit slopes may result in a material change to the open pit resources. Open pit mining assumes a copper price of USD\$3.85 per pound (USD\$8,487.90/t) with 90% recovery of total copper. Cost assumptions were used to determine the reporting cut-off grade: open pit mining cost (USD\$5.00/t), processing (USD\$10.00/t), and G&A (USD\$12.00/t). Processing costs assume the use of ore sorting and jigging/dense medium separation techniques rather than traditional floatation. Cost assumptions were based on parameters used for comparable deposits. No further assumptions have been made about details of the mining methods.
<p><i>Metallurgical factors or assumptions</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The basis for assumptions or predictions regarding metallurgical amenability. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider potential metallurgical methods, but the assumptions regarding metallurgical treatment processes and parameters made when reporting Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the metallurgical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary ore sorting test work was carried out at the STEINERT Australia Perth test facility in 2022. The test work was completed on a 5.5 kg of drill core sample sourced from remaining half core from 2016 hole STOR1601D, drilled at the Cyclone Deposit with an average grade of 4.16%. The sample was crushed and screened to a -25.0 +10.0 mm size fraction, removing fines (~0.03 kg). The 2022 test work was completed using a full-scale STEINERT KSS CLI XT combination sensor sorter. A combination of X-ray transmission, 3D laser, laser brightness, induction, and colour were used in the 2022 sorting algorithms. A substantial upgrade in Cu was achieved, with the concentrate fraction reporting a grade of 53.1% Cu in 10.2% of the mass yield, from an initial calculated feed grade of 6.52% Cu and a Cu recovery of 83.4%. If combined with the middling fraction, a 32.17% Cu product is produced in 19.76 of the mass yield, with a total Cu recovery of 96.5%. Given the small

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	<p><i>assumptions made.</i></p>	<p>sample size, additional test work was recommended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional ore sorting test work was carried out at the STEINERT Australia Perth test facility in 2023. The test work was completed on two composite samples sourced from 2022 holes drilled at the Chinook Deposit. Composite 1 had a feed mass of 66.46 kg and a head grade of 2.72% Cu. Composite 2 had a feed mass of 87.78 kg and a head grade of 0.70% Cu. Storm Copper drill core. The samples were crushed and screened to a -25.0 +10.0 mm size fraction, removing fines (~48.92 kg total). The 2023 test work was completed using a full-scale STEINERT KSS CLI XT combination sensor sorter. A combination of X-ray transmission and induction were used in the 2023 sorting algorithms, to avoid the need to wash the feed material for 3D laser, as a consideration for the Arctic climate. Three passes were completed, producing three concentrates for each composite (Con 1, Con 2, Con 3). Both samples were amenable to ore sorting, with Con 1 fractions alone producing grades of 14.88% Cu and 13.15% in mass yields of 11.1% and 1.8% for Composites 1 and 2, respectively. Utilizing all three passes, Cu recoveries of 94.7% and 84.2% were achieved in mass yields of 34.7% and 16.6%. • Preliminary floatation testing of the concentrates produced from the 2023 ore sorting work showed that the Storm material is highly amenable to flotation, with strong upgrade potential. • The test work completed to date is preliminary and may not be representative of the expected grades and recoveries that could be achieved through additional ore sorting and traditional metallurgical processes. American West is currently undertaking additional ore sorting, dry and wet jigging (closed circuit), dense material separation, and flotation test work. The results from these tests will be used in future MRE updates.
<p><i>Environmental factors or assumptions</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Assumptions made regarding possible waste and process residue disposal options. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider the potential environmental impacts of the mining and processing operation. While at this stage the determination of potential environmental impacts, particularly for a greenfields project, may not always be well advanced, the status of early consideration of these potential environmental impacts should be reported. Where these aspects have not been considered this should be reported with an explanation of</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No restricting environmental assumptions have been applied.

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Bulk density	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether assumed or determined. If assumed, the basis for the assumptions. If determined, the method used, whether wet or dry, the frequency of the measurements, the nature, size and representativeness of the samples. • The bulk density for bulk material must have been measured by methods that adequately account for void spaces (vugs, porosity, etc), moisture and differences between rock and alteration zones within the deposit. • Discuss assumptions for bulk density estimates used in the evaluation process of the different materials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulk density (specific gravity) measurements for historical drilling are not available. • Resampling in 2012-2013 included the collection of bulk density data from several historical holes. A total of 41 bulk density measurements were collected from the historical core at the Storm Project. • The Storm density dataset comprises 256 samples from 18 different drill holes. Samples were measured on-site by weighing selected samples first in air, then submerged in water. The measurements were used to calculate the density ratio of the sample. Samples were grouped based on geological formation and the mean value was chosen as the appropriate density value. The block model was flagged with the geological formations and the corresponding density value was assigned. It was determined that a global bulk density of 2.79 g/cm³ for all domains and formations was suitable at this stage.
Classification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The basis for the classification of the Mineral Resources into varying confidence categories. • Whether appropriate account has been taken of all relevant factors (ie relative confidence in tonnage/grade estimations, reliability of input data, confidence in continuity of geology and metal values, quality, quantity and distribution of the data). • Whether the result appropriately reflects the Competent Person's view of the deposit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2023 Maiden Storm Copper MRE classification of indicated and inferred is based on geological confidence, data quality, data density, and data continuity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The indicated classification category is defined for all blocks within an area of 75 m x 75 m x 10 m that contain a minimum of 3 drillholes. • The inferred classification area is expanded to 125 m x 120 m x 10 m that contains a minimum of 2 drillholes. • Variogram models could not be obtained for the Corona, Chinook, and Cirrus deposits. As a result, these zones were capped at inferred classification only. • The CP considers the classification to be appropriate for the Storm Copper deposits at this stage.
Audits or reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The results of any audits or reviews of Mineral Resource estimates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently, no audits have been performed on the MRE.
Discussion of relative accuracy/confidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where appropriate a statement of the relative accuracy and confidence level in the Mineral Resource estimate using an approach or procedure deemed appropriate by the Competent Person. For example, the application of statistical or geostatistical procedures to quantify the relative accuracy of the resource within stated confidence limits, or, if such an 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CP is confident that the 2023 Maiden Storm Copper MRE accurately reflects the geology of the Project. Detailed geological logs completed by qualified geologists were used to construct the model. • Model validation shows good correlation between input data and the resulting estimated model. The largest source of uncertainty is the grade continuity from zones Corona, Chinook, and Cirrus. No variogram models could be obtained for these zones. More data is required to more accurately resolve the continuity of these zones.

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
	<p><i>approach is not deemed appropriate, a qualitative discussion of the factors that could affect the relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The statement should specify whether it relates to global or local estimates, and, if local, state the relevant tonnages, which should be relevant to technical and economic evaluation. Documentation should include assumptions made and the procedures used.</i> • <i>These statements of relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate should be compared with production data, where available.</i> 	