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## DRILLING UNDERWAY AT THE HIGHLY PROSPECTIVE ASHBURTON GOLD AND COPPER PROJECT

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Drilling has now completed Austin Gold Project located near Cue in the Murchison Province of WA, where a total of 12 holes for 1,020 metres was drilled and assays are pending.
- RC drilling has now commenced at the highly prospective Ashburton Gold Copper Project located in the Ashburton Region of WA, with a maiden ~1,500m RC program designed to test laterally extensive shallow Gold-Copper mineralisation.
- Drilling will test potential mineralization below significant trenching results including<sup>1</sup>:
  - **12m @ 12.5g/t Au and 1.7% Cu**
  - **13m @ 4.1% Cu and 0.3g/t Au**
- Drilling will also test areas where surface sampling returned significant high grade rock chips including<sup>1</sup>:
  - **9.7g/t Au and 8.6% Cu**
  - **4.0g/t Au and 7.3% Cu**
  - **14.7% Cu**
  - **8.6% Cu**

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Austin Metals Limited (ASX: **AYT**, "**Austin Metals**", "the **Company**") is pleased to announce the commencement of RC drilling at the Ashburton Gold Copper Project (**Ashburton GCP**) located in the Ashburton region of WA. The drilling program will comprise an initial circa 10-15 holes for circa 1,500m and will target several high priority targets identified from previous trenching and surface sampling.

The Ashburton CGP has seen very limited exploration, however is highly prospective for copper and gold as evidenced by the identification of a 1.2km-long zone of outcropping copper and gold mineralisation, including spectacular trench result of<sup>1</sup>:

- **12m @ 12.5g/t Au and 1.7% Cu, and**
- **13m @ 4.1% Cu and 0.3g/t Au.**

### Ashburton Copper-Gold Project

The Ashburton Project comprises eight granted exploration tenements and one granted prospecting license covering ~510 km<sup>2</sup> and is located on Ashburton Downs Station. Preliminary exploration on the project by Austin has identified several gold-copper targets over a potential cumulative strike of 16kms.

Mineralisation at the Project is associated with shear zones which cut through metasedimentary host-rocks, with the mineralisation characterised by chalcopyrite, malachite, pyrrhotite and quartz-carbonate veins. The most abundant and strongest mineralisation identified to date occurs at the Donnelly's Prospect, which has never been previously drill-tested.

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<sup>1</sup> Refer ASX release dated 11 December 2023 - ACQUISITION OF HIGH GRADE COPPER-GOLD PROJECT Initial Exploration Returned 12m @ 12.5 g/t Au and 1.7% Cu



The maiden drilling program will test the central part of the prospect where mapping and trenching has delineated ~ 1km of strike. The drillholes will test the shallow mineralisation at depths of 0 to 100m in an attempt to demonstrate both lateral and down-dip continuity.



**Figure 1: RC Drill Rig has now been mobilised at Ashburton GCP**

### **Conclusion and Next Steps**

Upon completion of the maiden drill program, the Company will assess the results from both the Ashburton and Austin Projects, where it recently completed a further ~1,200m of RC drilling at Mt Sandy and Brunswick Hill, prior to planning further drilling at both projects.

This announcement has been authorised by the Board of Directors of Austin Metals Limited.

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### **About Austin Metals**

Austin Metals Limited (AYT) is a Gold and precious metals explorer focused on the prolific mining districts of Western Australia. AYT's flagship Austin Gold Project is located in the highly prospective Murchison greenstone province of Western Australia adjacent to the Cue Gold Project owned by Musgrave Minerals Limited (ASX:MGV), which includes the high grade Break of Day Deposit and Starlight discovery. Austin also neighbors the Caprice Resources Limited (ASX:CRS) flagship Island Gold Project. The Company had also secured a significant ground holding following receipt of overwhelming shareholder support for the acquisition of the high-grade Copper Gold Project in the Ashburton region of WA (Ashburton Copper-Gold Project) at the General Meeting held on 15 April 2024.



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