

## December 2020 Quarterly Activities Report

### Highlights

- Edlestone Gold Project located within Cadillac-Larder Fault Zone
  - Host to over 75Moz Au previous production
  - Broader Abitibi Greenstone belt has a total endowment of more than 144Moz Au
- Exploration targeting program completed across three priority target areas
  - Along strike extensions to main Edlestone body of mineralisation inclusive of high grade hanging wall target which reported grades of up to 5.3m at 81.39g/t Au from 110m
  - Sirola Zone which hosts the along strike continuation of Edlestone Zone and a mineralised porphyry that crops out at surface
  - Budd Target which hosts a series of base and precious metal mineralised, quartz-carbonate vein systems
- Sampling undertaken at the Budd Target and Sirola Zone reported significant mineralisation including:
  - 35.4% Pb, 5.4% Zn, 2.24% Cu, >100g/t Ag
  - 3.53% Cu, 4.63% Zn, 2.64% Pb, 87.5g/t Ag
  - 92.2g/t Au
- Additional ground secured to further consolidate Edlestone Gold Project
- Maiden drill program to commence on receipt of final drilling approvals from provincial government
  - DDS Drilling Services of North Bay, Ontario appointed to complete maiden drilling program
  - Geological team secured to supervise drilling program
  - First Nations consultation and engagement completed
  - Road clearing underway
- Dale Ginn appointed as Managing Director to spearhead Canadian exploration programs

Aston Minerals Limited ("Aston" or "the Company", ASX: ASO) is pleased to provide a review of the activities undertaken during the quarter ending 31 December 2020. During the quarter, the Company focussed primarily on the completion of drill targeting and preparation for drilling at the Edlestone Gold Project and the acquisition of further tenure at Edlestone. The Company also continues to review additional opportunities within the Canadian gold sector.

## Edleston Gold Project, Ontario, Canada (100% ASO)

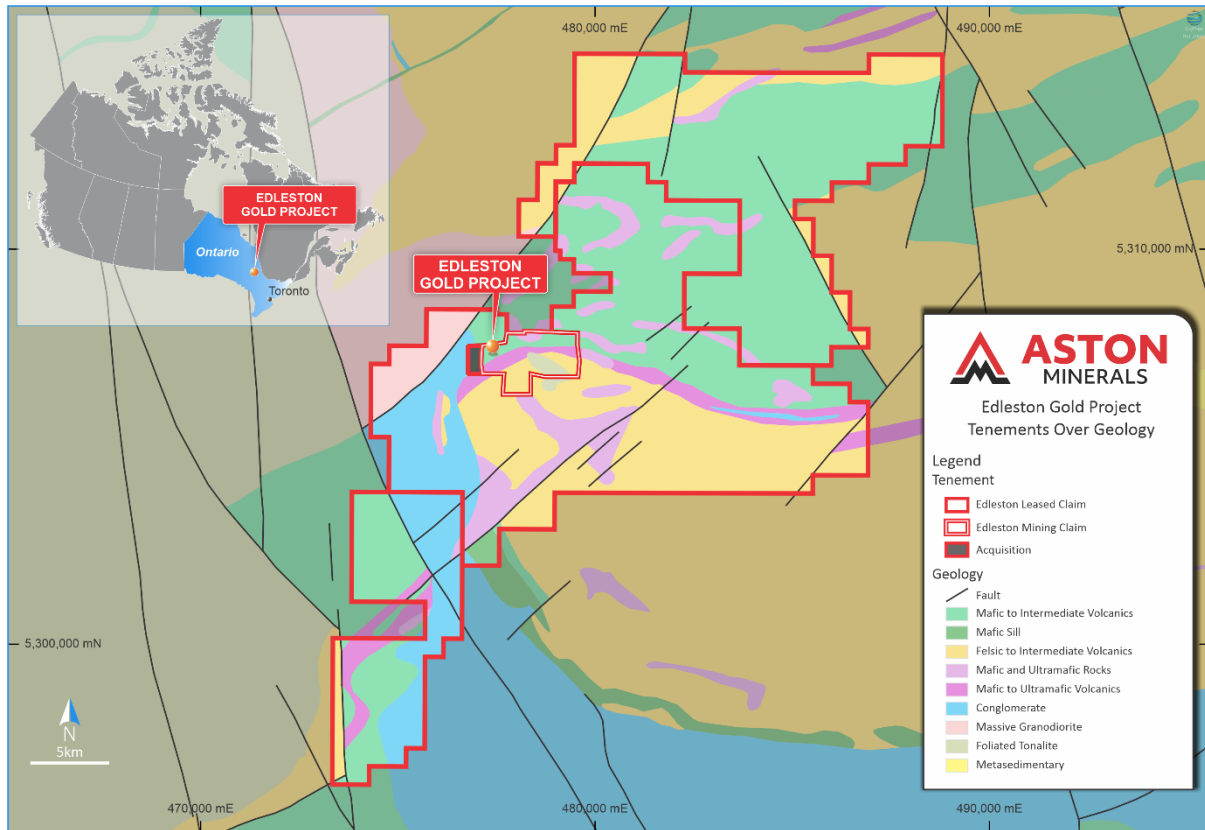


Figure 1: Edleston Regional Location Plan with latest acquisition marked in grey

### Project Location, Access & Tenure

Edleston is located approximately 60km via road to the south of Timmins, Ontario. The proximal towns of Timmins and Kirkland Lake are significant former and current producers, with required services and skilled labour available to support exploration and development of the Project. Following the recent acquisition of a further 6 mining claims on 12 January 2020, the Project now covers a total land area of 123km<sup>2</sup>. The additional ground secured is directly to the south west of the intensely drilled proponent of the Edleston Project and infills the previously excised ground within the Edleston Project footprint.

### Geology & Mineralisation

Edleston is located within Abitibi Greenstone Belt of Archean metavolcanic and medisedimentary units that have been steeply folded with axes trending in general east-west orientation.

Mineralisation is hosted within an altered and sheared ultramafic that has been extensively silicified and contains abundant quartz-carbonate veins, veinlets and fracture fill.

## Exploration Undertaken

To date in excess of CDN\$10m has been spent across the Edleston Project, primarily on drilling and geophysical activities. Significant gold mineralisation was discovered in 2012 via drilling a blind IP (induced polarisation) conductor target. The initial discovery hole intersected 63.6m at 0.85g/t Au from 32.9m. Shallow transported cover obscured underlying geology. Pattern drilling extended zone of mineralisation along strike to east over ~540m. The mineralisation is open along strike to east and at depth.

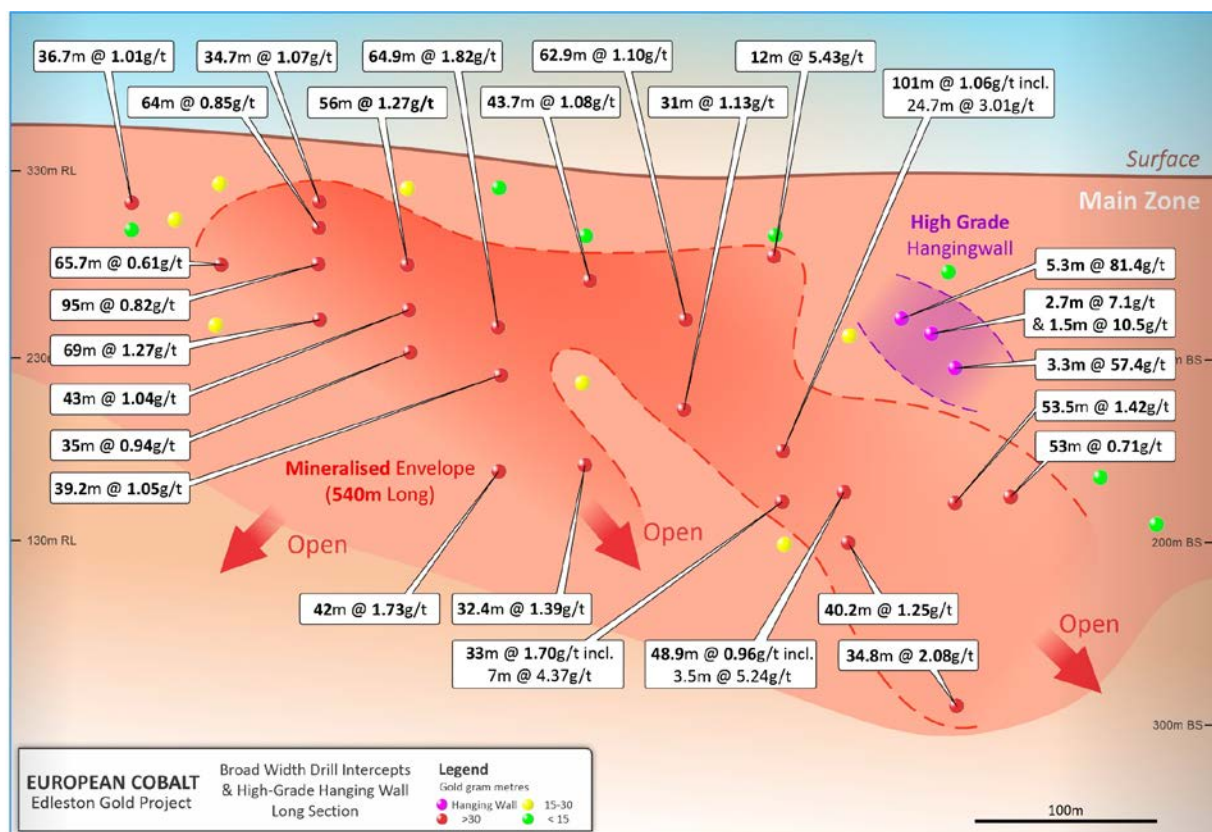


Figure 2: Edleston Long Section

The high grade hangingwall target was discovered in late 2013 during the last drilling campaign completed on site. Significant drilling intercepts from the hangingwall target included:

- 5.3m at 81.39 g/t Au from 110m
- 3.3m at 57.4 g/t Au from 207.4m

The hangingwall target is defined by an IP conductor which is open for ~1,230m along strike to the east and at depth. In a regional sense, mapping and aeromagnetic data indicates a trend of 10km of strike of prospective lithologies warranting further investigation.



## Activities undertaken during the Quarter

Following the review of all available open file geological and geophysical data and a field reconnaissance program, three discrete priority targets were identified including the along strike extensions to Edleston, Budd Target and Sirola Zone.

### *Edleston Main Mineralisation Target*

The Edleston Main Mineralisation Target is a quartz-carbonate vein style gold bearing system; the quartz-carbonate vein system is hosted by sheared and silicified ultramafic metavolcanics, and a felsic fragmental. Mineralisation occurs as pyrite with sporadic visible gold. High-grade gold mineralisation associated with the quartz-carbonate vein system has structural and geological contact controls, with a broad lower grade mineralised envelope distributed throughout the host rocks. Previous exploration has outlined a mineralised zone roughly 100m in width with a known strike length of 600m, that extends to a depth of 200m.

### *Sirola Zone Target*

The Sirola Zone lies roughly 1 km along strike to the east of the Edleston Main Target. At Sirola, a comparable sequence of sheared and folded felsic and ultramafic volcanics to those encountered at the Edleston Main Target, are exposed at surface. These units host an identical gold bearing quartz-carbonate vein system. The surface expression of the gold bearing system at the Sirola Zone has a strike length of approximately 50m and a 50m width. Historical drill testing of the Sirola Zone has encountered gold mineralisation hosted by the quartz-carbonate vein system to a depth of 150m. The felsic and ultramafic volcanics are also intruded by one or more felsic intrusives with known sulphide mineralisation at surface. The potential of these felsic intrusive bodies to host significant mineralisation has had limited evaluation to date. Sampling conducted across the Sirola Zone reported grades of up to 92.2g/t Au.

### *Budd Target*

The Budd Target hosts two distinct generations of quartz-carbonate vein hosted mineralization. The first quartz-carbonate vein system mirrors the mineralisation encountered at Edleston Main and Sirola, comprised of pyrite mineralisation associated with gold occurring in sheared and altered felsic volcanics. The gold mineralised quartz-carbonate vein occurrence in the Budd area has a documented surface strike length of approximately 60 m and a width of 50 m.

The second quartz-carbonate vein system is associated with silver and base metal sulphide mineralisation hosted by a fragmental of intermediate composition. Limited prior work has focused on constraining the extent and defining the potential of this mineralised system.



Sampling of Budd Target reported significant mineralisation including:

- 35.4% Pb, 5.4% Zn, 2.24% Cu, >100g/t Ag - Sample 76189
- 3.53% Cu, 4.63% Zn, 2.64% Pb, 87.5 g/t Ag - Sample 76190

During the quarter, the Company's maiden diamond drilling program of 5,000 was designed and applications for approval submitted. The drilling program predominantly focusses on the three priority prospects of Edleston Main, Sirola Zone and Budd Target.

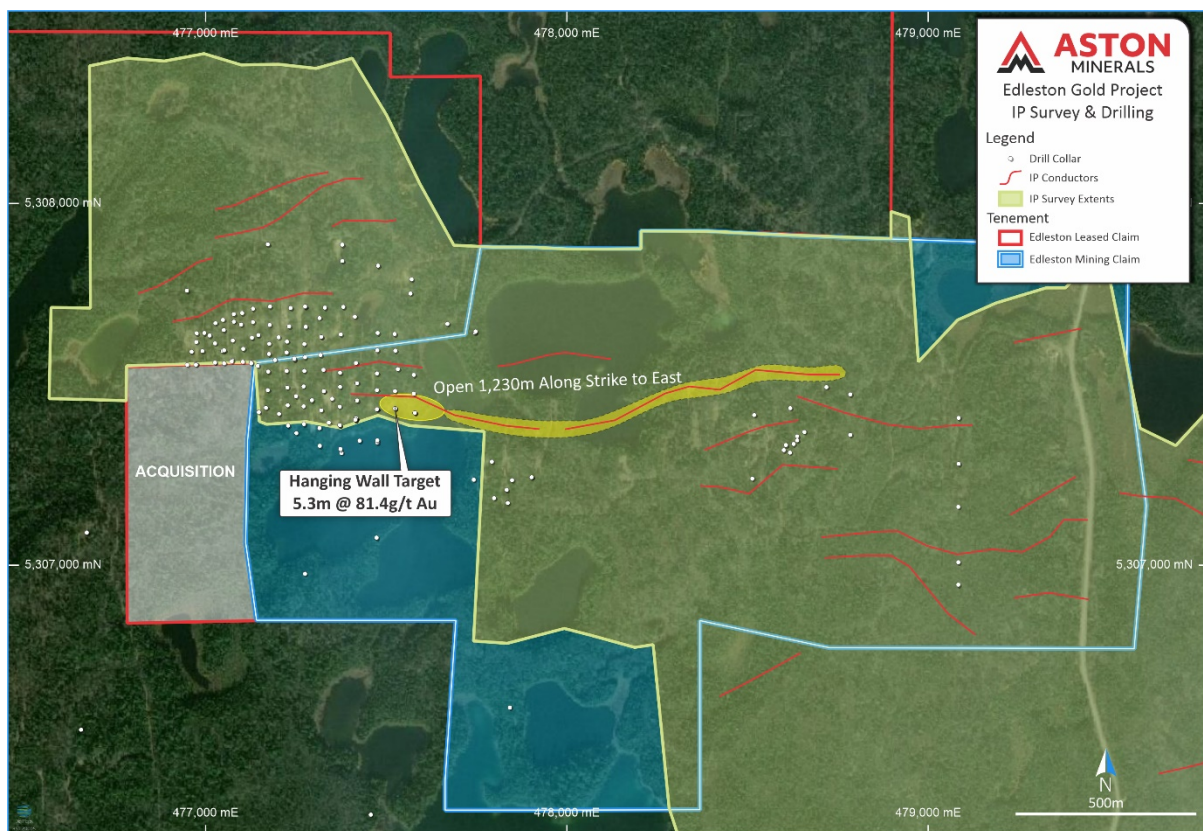


Figure 2: Edleston Project- Previous Drilling, IP Conductors and Tenure

Following unforeseen delays associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, First Nations approval has now been granted. DDS Drilling Services of North Bay, Ontario, has been appointed to complete the maiden drilling program at Edleston and a geological team has been secured to supervise. Approval from the provincial government for the drill program is expected imminently and the Company is ready to immediately commence drilling on receipt.



Figure 4: Road clearing underway at Edleston

### Evaluation of Canadian Gold Opportunities

In addition to the acquisition and evaluation of the Edleston Gold Project, a number of additional resource opportunities within the Canadian gold sector were evaluated. The Company will leverage the skillset and knowledge base of its Canadian team in order to identify and if warranted acquire additional value accretionary opportunities.

### Existing Project Portfolio

#### Slovak Cobalt-Nickel-Copper Portfolio

With the sustained subdued cobalt market and concerns regarding the safety of contractors and stakeholders, all non-essential work is being deferred indefinitely at the Dobsina Cobalt Project. The Company will continue to incur expenditure to ensure tenure remains in good standing for the foreseeable future. Work during the quarter was limited to desktop evaluation of existing geochemical and geophysical datasets in order to define targets warranting field based exploration to be undertaken.



### Jouhineva Cobalt-Copper Gold Project, Finland

A minimum expenditure drilling campaign is proposed to be undertaken as a requirement of retaining the Project. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, it is currently envisaged that this program will be undertaken early 2021 and only under the proviso that it meets all relevant Finnish government legislation and World Health Organisation guidance. Further updates will be provided to the market around the program and its respective timing upon finalisation of the work program.

An evaluation of the Company's remaining Swedish assets, Basinge, Frustuana, Havsmön and Kila Projects, is underway to determine the merit of retaining the Projects, and if so, appropriate work programs to progress the development of each Project.

### Swedish Cobalt ± Copper ± Nickel ± Gold Project Portfolio

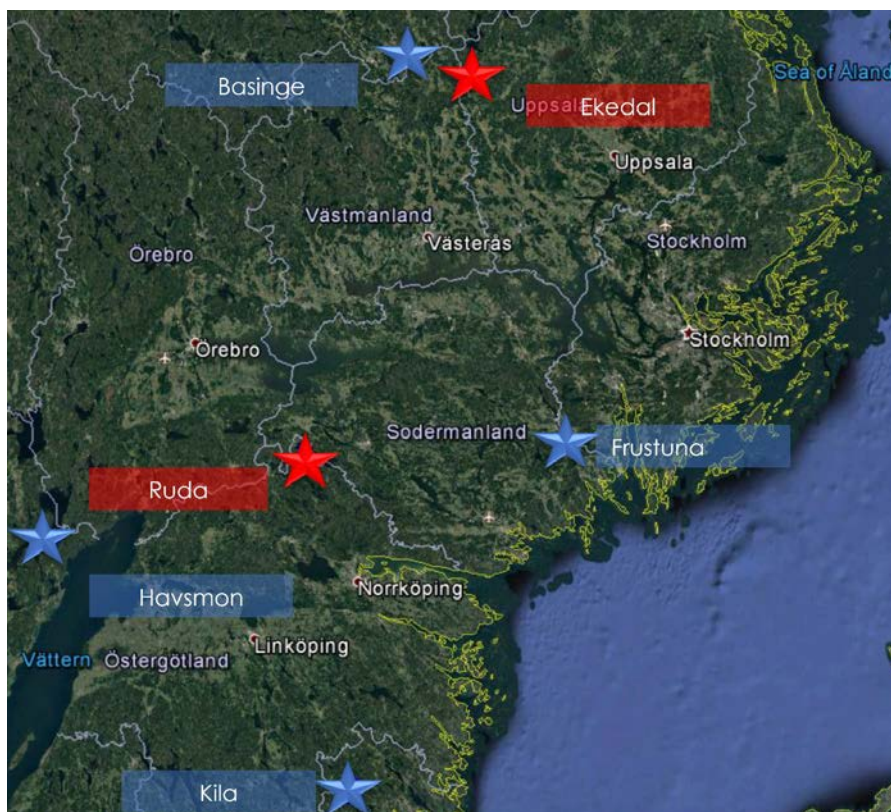


Figure 5: Aston's Swedish Project Location Plan (Divestment Tenure in Red, Retained Projects in Blue)

The Company entered into an exclusive option agreement on 10 December 2019 to divest two of its Swedish licences, Ekedal and Ruda (see ASX release 10 December 2019 for further information). No work was completed by the Company during the quarter.



#### **Defiance & Mt Howe Gold Projects, Western Australia**

No exploration was completed across Defiance and Mt Howe Projects during the quarter.

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board of Aston Minerals Limited.

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#### **Competent Person's Statement:**

The information in this announcement that relates to the Exploration Results for Edleston Project is based on information compiled and fairly represented by Mr Robert Jewson, who is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists and Executive Director of Aston Minerals Limited. Mr Jewson has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration, and to the activity which he has undertaken, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Joint Ore Reserves Committee (JORC) Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr Jewson consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on this information in the form and context in which it appears. The Company confirms there has been no new information that materially effects the results as they were first reported.





## Appendix 1: Related Party Payments

In line with its obligations under ASX Listing Rule 5.3.5, Aston Minerals Limited notes that the only payments to related parties of the Company, as advised in the Appendix 5B for the period ended 31 December 2020, pertain to payments to directors for fees, salary and superannuation.

## APPENDIX 2: Tenement Schedule

In line with obligations under ASX Listing Rule 5.3.3, Aston Minerals Limited provides the following information with respect to its Mining Tenement holdings as at 31 December 2020. The Company notes that no tenements or interests were acquired or disposed of during the period.

Project	Country	Tenement	Status	% Held
Dobsina	Slovakia	2466/2017-5.3	Granted	100%
Rejdova	Slovakia	7007/2017-5.3	Granted	100%
Rakovec	Slovakia	7586/2017-5.3	Granted	100%
Gapel	Slovakia	7926/2017-5.3	Granted	100%
Kolba	Slovakia	4207/2017-5.3	Granted	100%
Kotlinec	Slovakia	4314/2018-5.3	Granted	100%
Medzev	Slovakia	4316/2018-5.3	Granted	100%
Fabianka	Slovakia	10240/20185.3	Granted	100%
Jouhineva	Finland	ML2017:0030	Granted	100%
Basinge	Sweden	Basinge nr 1	Granted	100%
Ekedalsgruvan	Sweden	Ekedalsgruvan nr 1	Granted	100%
Frustuna	Sweden	Frustuna nr 1	Granted	100%
Ruda	Sweden	Ruda nr 3	Granted	100%
Havsmon	Sweden	Havsmon nr 1	Granted	100%
Kila	Sweden	Kila nr 1	Granted	100%
Mt Howe	Australia, WA	E39/1878	Granted	100%
Mt Howe	Australia, WA	E39/1879	Granted	100%
Defiance	Australia, WA	E38/3062	Granted	100%
Edleston	Ontario, Canada	100789-100792	Granted	100%
		104781-104782		
		104804-104807		
		105644		
		106128-106129		
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		109281-109282		
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Project	Country	Tenement	Status	% Held
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		160394-160395		
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Project	Country	Tenement	Status	% Held
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Project	Country	Tenement	Status	% Held
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Project	Country	Tenement	Status	% Held
Edleston Extension	Ontario, Canada	316460-316461	Granted	100%
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