

Thursday, 10 October 2024

A\$7.0M IN FUNDING TO ADVANCE STORM COPPER

- American West has received firm commitments to raise A\$7.0 million through an institutional placement
- Placement funds will primarily be used to advance activities at the Storm Copper Project, Canada, including an upgrade of the Mineral Resource Estimate (MRE), PEA/PFS level studies, and the 2025 project development and exploration program
- The Placement provides the company with sufficient capital to boost the development and exploration activities at the Storm Copper Project, Canada
- Strong support was received from new and existing institutional and sophisticated investors highlighting the important value-creating milestones achieved at the Project this year, and the emergence of Storm as a potentially globally significant copper project

American West Metals Ltd (ASX: AW1) (“AW1”, “American West” or “the Company”) is pleased to announce that it has received firm commitments to raise A\$7.0 million via a placement of fully paid ordinary shares (“New Shares”) to institutional, sophisticated and professional investors (“Placement”).

Dave O’Neill, American West Managing Director said:

“We are very pleased to successfully execute this capital raising for AW1 on the back of a highly successful 2024 program to date. The proceeds from the capital raising will further project development and exploration work in parallel at the Storm Project.

“The capital raise received strong support from local and international investors – in recognition of the high quality and significant progress of the Storm Project to date and the tremendous valuation upside it offers.

“The 2024 program to date has achieved major milestones including the completion of more than 23,000m of drilling, the discovery of new zones of high-grade copper mineralisation, and the demonstration of breakthrough results on the proposed DSO operation at Storm.

“Another significant milestone and cost saving initiative at Storm this year was the completion of the sealift. The sealift has provided crucial supplies and front-end loaded the 2025 drilling season, which is expected to provide very significant savings on next year’s logistical budget.

“With further catalysts to come, including drilling assay results expected in the coming weeks, the updated MRE expected in late CY24 and the PEA/PFS expected in early 2025, we are looking forward to providing shareholders with regular news flow.”



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Use of Funds – Advancing Storm

Funds raised by the Placement will be utilised to build on the successful exploration and resource activities to date and continue to unlock the outstanding potential at Storm. Detailed sources and uses of funds attached below:

Sources of funds	A\$m	Uses of funds	A\$m
Existing Cash (as at 30 June '24)	5.1	July-Sep 24 exploration program and overheads	13.5
Sep' Taurus Royalties and Other Receipts	1.5	Completion of PFS, resource upgrade and permitting	1.0
Additional Taurus Royalties*	8.6	Oct 24 – April 25 exploration program, pre-payments and overheads	5.0
Placement Proceeds	7.0	General Working Capital and Offer Costs	2.7
Total Sources	22.2	Total Uses	22.2

*Includes \$4.2m of royalties to be received upon delivery of a PEA/prefeasibility study (PFS) expected in early 2025

Note: Additional ~\$4.8m, not included in the above table, will be received upon announcement of an increase in the JORC compliant resource for the Storm Project to at least 400,000t of contained copper at a resource grade of at least 1% Cu. Prepaid sealift activities are expected to save approximately \$4m on the 2025 exploration program.

Growth and Exploration Strategy

Exploration and resource definition activities continue to show that there is outstanding potential to grow the mineralised footprint of copper mineralisation within, and outside, of the Storm area.

Only 5% of the prospective, 100km long copper belt within the project area has been explored with focused geophysics and drilling, with numerous copper rich gossans already discovered within the regional Tornado, Blizzard, and Tempest Prospect areas.

The exploration and drilling programs will continue to expand with a focus on:

- Expansion of existing resources in the Storm area;
- Expansion and definition of new discoveries of high-grade copper in the near-surface and at depth at Storm; and
- Following up regional copper targets and high-priority geophysical targets

This strategy will aim to continue to deliver organic resource growth and define new discoveries of high-grade copper as we demonstrate the global significance of the Storm Project.



Placement Raises A\$7 Million

Under the Placement, the Company will issue approximately 77.8 million New Shares at an issue price of A\$0.09 per New Share (“**Offer Price**”), raising gross proceeds of approximately A\$7.0 million.

As part of the Placement Directors Dan Lougher, Dave O’Neill and John Prineas have applied for 888,889 shares under the Placement, their applications will be subject to shareholder approval at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. Excluding director participation, the remaining New Shares will be issued under the Companys existing placement capacity under listing rule 7.1 and 7.1A.

The Offer Price of A\$0.09 per New Share, represents a:

- 18.2% discount to last close of A\$0.111 on 30 September 2024; and
- 20.4% discount to 5-day VWAP of A\$0.113.

New Shares issued under the Placement will rank pari passu with existing fully paid ordinary shares on issue.

Shaw and Partners Limited acted as Joint Lead Manager and Bookrunner to the Placement and RM Capital acted as Joint Lead Manager to the Placement.

Indicative Timetable:

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Trading Halt	Tuesday, 1 October 2024
Announcement of Placement Completion	Thursday, 10 October 2024
Expected Settlement of New Shares Issued Under the Placement	Wednesday, 16 October 2024
Expected date of ASX Quotation of New Shares under the Placement	Thursday, 17 October 2024

**Dates and times are indicative only and subject to change without notice. The Company reserves the right to alter the dates in this announcement at its discretion and without notice, subject to the ASX Listing Rules and the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).*

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

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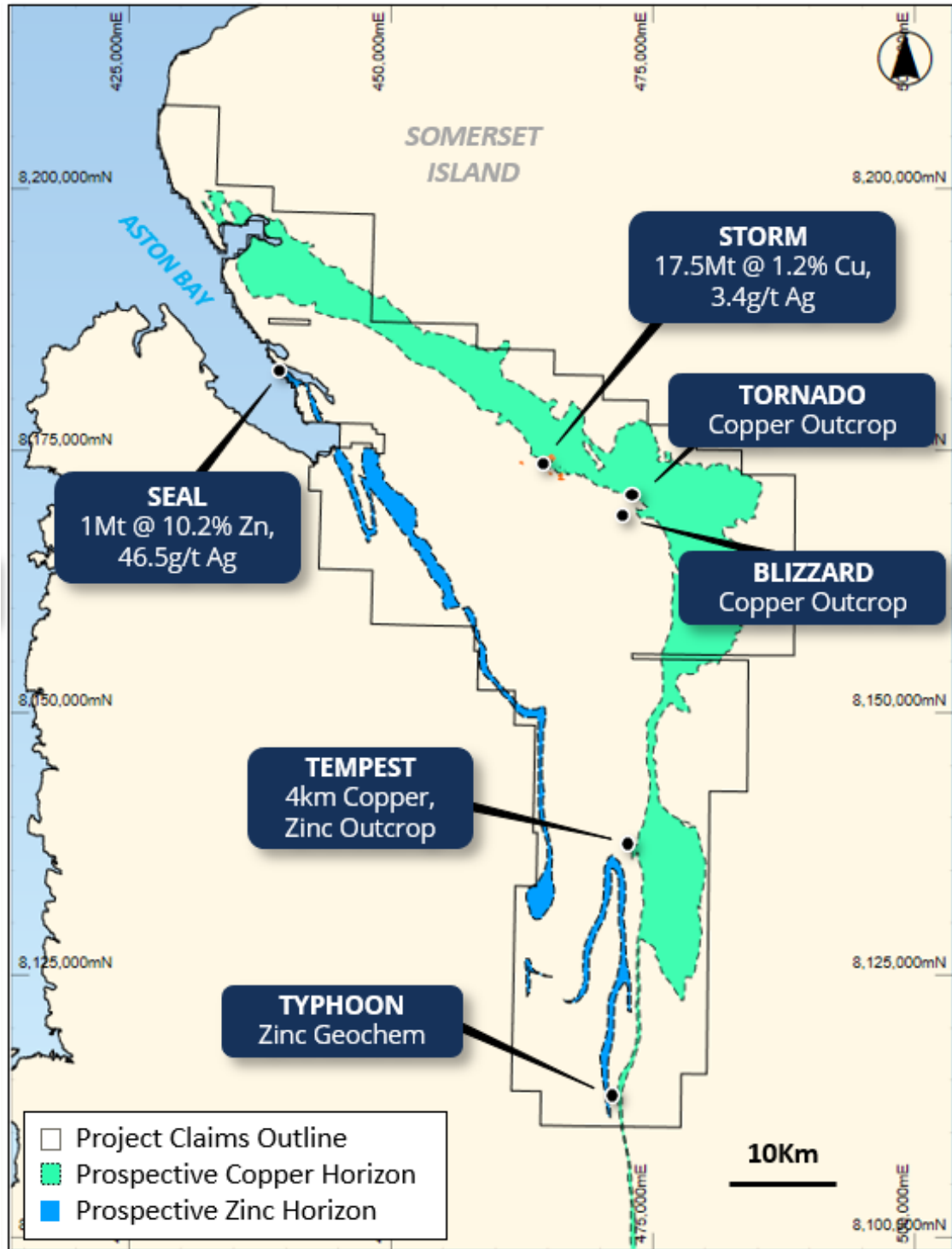


Figure 1: Map of the Project area showing the known copper and base metal deposits/prospects, project boundary, and interpreted prospective copper and zinc horizons..

Note - The resources for the Seal Deposit are historical and foreign and are reported under Canadian NI 43-101 standards, not in accordance with the 2012 JORC Code.



Competent Person Statement – Storm Mineral Resource Estimate

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

Competent Person Statement – Exploration Results

The information in this Announcement that relates to Exploration Results 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 styles of mineralization and type of deposits 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 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 Person’s findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

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- 13 August 2024 Storm Copper DSO Potential Confirmed

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 Seal MRE at the Nunavut Project. The Company is not in possession of any new information or data relating to the Seal 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.



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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.

Although the Company attempts and has attempted to identify factors that would cause actual actions, events, or results to differ materially from those disclosed in forward looking statements, there may be other factors that could cause actual results, performance, achievements, or events not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended, and many events are beyond the reasonable control of the Company. Accordingly, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward looking statements. Forward looking statements in this announcement speak only at the date of issue. Subject to any continuing obligations under applicable law or any relevant stock exchange listing rules, in providing this information the Company does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any of the forward-looking statements or to advise of any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based.

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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.



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