

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022

## **\$3.4 million raised to advance copper and zinc projects**

- **Firm commitments received from institutional, sophisticated and professional investors for the Company's full placement capacity to raise \$3.4 million**
- **Proceeds to be used to progress high-quality copper and zinc projects in North America including:**
  - **Continued exploration activities at the Company's Storm, West Desert and Copper Warrior Projects**
  - **Completion of a JORC 2012 compliant Mineral Resource Estimation at West Desert during H2 2022**
  - **PFS studies at West Desert, and further beneficiation and DSO studies at Storm**

American West Metals Limited (**American West** or the **Company**) (ASX: AW1) has completed a private placement to institutional, sophisticated and professional investors to raise new funds to advance its high-quality copper and zinc projects in the USA and Canada.

The Placement was strongly supported by domestic and international investors, reflecting the strong investor interest in the Company's development and growth opportunities at its projects. In particular, the Company is pleased to introduce a number of new offshore institutions to the register.

Commitments to raise \$3,424,458 (before costs) have been received for a placement of 27,395,663 new shares at \$0.125 per share (**New Shares**) (**Placement**), representing the Company's full ASX Listing Rule 7.1 placement capacity. Subscribers under the Placement will receive one free-attaching option for every two shares subscribed for and issued under the Placement, with the options having an exercise price of \$0.20 and an expiry date of 20 September 2024 (**Listed Options**). The Listed Options will be the same as the existing AW1O class of securities. The Company has also accepted a Chairman's List commitment of \$300,000 under the same terms as the Placement, whereby the the issue of an additional 2,400,000 shares and 1,200,000 Listed Options will be subject to receipt of shareholder approval.

New Shares will be placed pursuant to section 708 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) and will rank pari passu with existing ordinary shares. The issue of the Listed Options is subject to receipt of shareholder approval, with the Company to call a General Meeting as soon as practicable.

Canaccord Genuity (Australia) Limited and RM Corporate Finance Pty Ltd acted as Joint Lead Managers to the Placement. Subject to receipt of shareholder approval, the Company will issue the Joint Lead Managers with 2,000,000 Listed Options as part of the fees payable to the Joint Lead Managers.

New funds will be applied towards exploration and development activities at the Company's Projects including:

**West Desert Project:**

- Maiden JORC compliant Mineral Resource Estimation (MRE) to be issued in H2 2022
- Continuation of metallurgical test work on oxide and transitional ores
- PFS level mining and development studies
- Environmental baseline surveys

**Storm/Seal Projects:**

- Follow-up resource definition drilling at the 2750N, 4100N and 2200N Zones
- Exploration drilling targeting further discoveries of sedimentary copper mineralisation
- Beneficiation and initial mining studies for a potential DSO operation at Storm
- Commence environmental studies

**Copper Warrior Project:**

- Maiden drilling program to test recent IP geophysical and stratigraphic targets

**Dave O'Neill, American West's Managing Director** said:

*"It's fantastic to receive such strong support for the Placement, with interest well exceeding our modest placement capacity. The funding enables us to not only deliver a JORC compliant resource at West Desert, which we expect to announce very soon, but also continue exploration activities across our portfolio of high quality copper and zinc projects. So far this year, the results from our exploration work have been exceptional, with drilling intercepts from the Storm Project being among the best results reported to ASX."*

*"We are looking forward to commencing the first drilling program at our Copper Warrior Project, and we hope to mirror the success of our neighbours in the Paradox Basin, such as the Lisbon Valley copper mine (which hosts 37Mt @ 0.46% Cu), situated approximately 15km to the south-east of the project. Combined, these activities will provide strong news flow over the coming months."*

*"I welcome new shareholders and thank our existing shareholders for their continued endorsement of our growth strategy. We intend to deliver on our plans and look forward to the journey ahead."*



Figure 1: Chalcopyrite (copper sulphide) within Storm exploration drill hole ST22-10 from 313m downhole.



Approved for release by the Board of American West Metals Limited.

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**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 Company's Projects. The Company is not in possession of any new information or data relating to the Projects 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.

**Competent Person Statement**

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Targets and Exploration Results for the Company's Projects are 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.



# ABOUT US



## 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

