ABANDONMENT AND RESTORATION PLAN

FOR THE ASTON BAY PROPERTY
(ALSO KNOWN AS THE STORM PROPERTY)
NUNAVUT, CANADA

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Amendments

Date of Change	Plan Version Number	Section Number	Summary of Changes Made
June 2020	1.0		
April 2025	2.0	1.	Subsection *1.2 Purpose and Scope* moved to section *1. Introduction*
			Subsection *1.1 Contact Details, 1.3 Other Plans, 1.4 Project Description* removed, and section *2. Schedule* removed
		2.2	*2.2 Storm Camp Inventory* updated to include camp additions
		2.3	*2.3 Drill Equipment Inventory* updated to include the heli-portable reverse circulation drill. Updated drilling inventory
		4.2	*4.2 Buildings, Contents and Fuel* updated to include proposed overland winter trail and laydown area
			Section *8. Emergency Contact Information* removed
			Figures Removed
October 2025	3.0	1.	Added Joint Venture Partner American West Metals Ltd. to Title Page and section *1. Introduction*
		2.2, 2.3, 2.4	Replaced inventory tables in body of text with appendix at end for ease of updating

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Appendices

1. Introduction

This Abandonment and Restoration Plan (ARP) applies to mineral exploration activities conducted by, or on behalf of, by Aston Bay Holdings Ltd. (Aston Bay) and Joint Venture partner, American West Metals Ltd. (American West) (collectively, the Companies), at the Aston Bay Property (the Property or the Project), also referred to as the Storm Property or Storm Project, located on Somerset Island, Nunavut. Subject to approval by the applicable regulatory authorities, the effective date of this ARP is October 1, 2025. Copies of this ARP, including any approved revisions or amendments, may be obtained by contacting Aston Bay or American West.

The purpose of the Aston Bay Property ARP is to provide guidelines to follow during seasonal shutdown and final abandonment of the Property, in order to return camp and exploration sites to as near as possible to natural conditions. The ARP will be replaced, upon approval, if there are any significant changes to the activities outlined in the existing permits which warrant changes to the ARP. Minor changes will be submitted as an addendum to the ARP and submitted to the distribution list as required.

2. Progressive Reclamation

The Companies will undertake progressive reclamation at all exploration and drill sites. Progressive reclamation activities will include, but are not limited to, the following measures:

- Photographic records will be taken at each drill site prior to the commencement of drilling activities and following completion of operations.
- All drill equipment, fuel, and required materials will be relocated to the next authorized drill site immediately upon completion of drilling.
- All garbage, debris, and empty fuel drums will be backhauled to the camp for appropriate management and disposal.
- Drill casing will be removed in its entirety; where removal is not technically feasible, casing will be cut off below ground level.
- Any drillholes where flowing water is encountered will be securely plugged as to permanently prevent any further outflow of water.
- Any spills will be managed and remediated in accordance with the Project Spill Prevention and Response Plan.
- Drilling activities will not occur on frozen lake surfaces. No material, residue, or drill cuttings will be permitted to accumulate on any lake ice surface. Should any material become frozen into ice, it shall be chipped out in its entirety and removed for proper disposal.

3. Seasonal Shutdown

3.1. Buildings, Equipment, Materials and Fuel

Upon completion of annual field programs, all tents and plywood buildings will be left in place for future use. Electronics and communications gear will be removed from site. Most other camp equipment will be stored on site, inside tents or plywood buildings. All remaining lumber will be covered and stacked along the generator shack for future use. All fuel drums will be stored in covered containment berms with rain drain hydrocarbon filters, and remaining propane cylinders will be stored securely inside plywood buildings.

All food, waste, and valuable or sensitive equipment will be removed from site. Any empty fuel drums that remain on site will be stored upright and secured together with straps. All structures left on site will be winterized, closed off, and secured. One or more tent(s) or plywood building(s) will be designated to house any chemicals or other hazardous materials that are not suited to outdoor storage. All water tanks and pipes will be drained at the end of each season. Pumps and hoses will also be drained and stored inside a tent. All mechanical equipment, including vehicles, drill equipment, and generators will be drained of fuel, winterized, and, where necessary, stored in berms for secondary containment.

The fuel caches at the camp and Marine landing Area will be winterized. Fuel caches will be secured and covered to mitigate the influx of snow and water. Fuel drums will be stored on their sides in organized rows with the bungs in the three o'clock and nine o'clock positions. All fuels and other hazardous materials will be stored within "Arctic Insta-Berms", or similar products, for secondary containment. "RainDrain" or similar hydrocarbon filtration systems will be used to safely remove any water collected inside the berms, and as a safeguard against any potential overflows of contaminated water.

Upon seasonal shutdown any temporary remote fuel caches established during the field program to support drilling and exploration activities, will be removed or properly winterized using the aforementioned procedure.

3.2. Waste

All wastes will be separated into combustible, non-combustible, recyclable or hazardous at the source. Refer to the Project Waste Management Plan for detailed waste management practices during program operations. Any spills or contamination will be treated as per the Project Spill Prevention and Response Plan.

3.3. Inspection and Documentation

Prior to seasonal shutdown, a comprehensive inspection of all Project areas will be completed. Photographs will be taken at all sites (including the camp, Marine Landing Area, fuel caches, drill sites, and other relevant locations) to document site conditions prior to winter closure. These photographs will be archived together with those taken at the start of each field season and copies will be included in the Project Annual Report.

Appendix lists the structures, equipment, fuel and other hazardous materials that will be on site during exploration programs and will need be secured/winterized during seasonal shutdown. If any changes to the inventory are identified during seasonal shutdown, Appendix 1 will be updated accordingly.

3.4. Seasonal Restoration

Any contaminated areas around the camp or drill sites will be treated in accordance with the Project Spill Prevention and Response Plan. Any washed-out areas will be filled and re-contoured to natural levels. Any areas of disturbed vegetation, including camp, fuel caches or drill sites will be photographed and managed as per recommendation of the CIRNAC inspector. Remediation procedures might include fertilization to encourage re-growth.

4. Final Abandonment and Restoration

4.1. Buildings, Equipment, Materials and Fuel

Prior to land use permit, claim or lease termination, all structures, equipment, materials, and fuel will be removed from the Property with the exception of the drill core stacks, which will be permanently secured on site. Subject to approval by the applicable regulatory authorities, tent floors will be burned in accordance with the *Nunavut Environmental Guideline for the Burning and Incineration of Solid Waste*. Materials of value will be salvaged. Local businesses and local community residents will have the opportunity to salvage any remaining materials that will otherwise be disposed of.

Drills and drilling equipment will be dismantled, packaged, secured, and shipped as per the drill contract. Any remining drill casing that could not be removed at drill sites will be cut off below ground level and capped.

All remaining fuel and empty drums will be removed from site. The soil under and surrounding any area where fuel was stored will be thoroughly inspected for any contamination and photographs will be taken.

4.2. Waste

All wastes will be removed from the Property and backhauled to certified disposal facilities on an ongoing basis throughout the program and upon seasonal shutdown. All wastes will be disposed of in accordance with the Project Waste Management Plan and any contamination will be treated as per the Project Spill Prevention and Response Plan.

4.3. Inspection and Documentation

Prior to final abandonment, a thorough inspection of all areas will be conducted. Any contaminated areas around the camp, Marine Landing Area, fuel caches or drill sites that have gone unnoticed will be treated as per the Project Spill Prevention and Response Plan. Photographs will be taken to include in the final Plan submitted to CIRNAC, NWB and NIRB. All relevant regulatory agencies will be notified upon final abandonment of the Property.

4.4. Final Restoration

Tent sites, drill sites, and any other areas disturbed by activities related to exploration at the Project may be fertilized as recommended by the CIRNAC Inspector to encourage re-vegetation. Eroded or washed out areas related to exploration activities will be filled and re-contoured to natural levels. Sumps will be inspected to ensure there is no leaching or run off, and back filling and leveling will be employed as necessary. Any contaminated areas around the camp or drill sites that have gone unnoticed will be treated as per the Project Spill Prevention and Response Plan.

5. Post Closure Site Monitoring

After reclamation is complete, if annual monitoring is required by the CIRNAC inspector, it may consist of soil and water testing, measuring and documenting plant re-growth, examining potential run-off and erosion problems, and checking the stability and condition of the core boxes. Reports, including photographs, will be submitted to the appropriate regulatory bodies.

Appendix 1
Aston Bay (Storm) Project
Seasonal Shutdown Inventory

Aston Camp Inventory

All that remains at the Aston Camp is the historical drill core, a small amount of lumber and one 14'x16' wooden storage shack. The lumber is stacked neatly against the side of the shack. Aston Bay elected to keep the shack on site to store survival equipment and to serve as a shelter for personnel working on the historical core in future years.

Marine Landing Area Inventory

The Marine Landing Area will be used to store fuel and materials after they are offloaded from the barge. As the barge does not arrive at Aston Bay until late in the season, fuel and materials offloaded each year will need to be winterized and stored at the Marine Landing Area until they can be transported to the Camp at the beginning of the following field season.

Storm Camp Inventory

The Storm Camp was constructed between 2016 and 2018, with equipment mobilized from Yellowknife to Resolute Bay by chartered aircraft and was shuttled to site by Twin Otter. In 2018 the Storm Camp consisted of 6 plywood buildings and 16 Weatherport tents built upon wooden floors. The Camp has been used to support exploration during subsequent years and has been expanded upon as needed. During the 2024 season, an additional 5 Weatherport tents, and 2 plywood structures were constructed, including a core shack and food storage. In addition, the kitchen and driller's dry structures were expanded. At the end of the 2024 season, Storm Camp was comprised of 34 structures, including 24 insulated Weatherport tents built upon wooden floors, and 10 plywood structures.

Camp Structures

Quantity	Item
1	15' x 16' Plywood generator shack, includes exhaust piping etc., w/ attached storage lean-to
1	14' x 32' Plywood water tank shack / tool shed, includes water tanks, shelving, tables, various tools and equipment
1	8' x 8' Heli shack, includes shelving
1	9' x 30' Driller storage shack (no flooring)
1	8' x 20' Plywood latrine shack, includes 4 pacto toilets
1	16' x 56' Plywood kitchen building, including stoves, ovens, tables, fridges
1	16' x 16' Plywood kitchen storage shack, includes shelving
1	8' x 16' Plywood kitchen storage shack, includes shelving
1	14' x 48' Plywood core shack, includes core benches, various geological supplies and ATV's
1	12'x 12' Plywood core cutting shack, includes plywood bench and 2 core cutting saws
1	8’ x 16’ Plywood storage shack, located at the airstrip to store skid steer.
18	14' x 16' Weatherport tents on plywood floor to serve as sleeper tents, includes plywood beds, tables, chairs etc
2	14' x 16' insulated Weatherport tents on plywood floors to serve as drys, includes shower stalls, sink, washing machine, dryer, plumbing etc.
3	14' x 16' Weatherport tents on plywood floors to serve as offices and first aid tent, includes tables, chairs etc.
1	14' x 32' insulated Weatherport dry, includes shower stalls, sink, washing machines, dryers, plumbing etc.

Camp Equipment

Quantity	Item
5	Water tanks (350gal, 250gal, 250gal, 220gal, 150gal)
3	Hot water tanks
2	Water supply pump with fish screen and hose line
2	Water pressure pumps
6	Generators (1-40 kVA diesel, 1-14 kVA diesel backup, 3-5 kW gas backups)
1	Dual chamber-controlled air incinerator
1	Electrified bear fence
7	Refrigerators
5	Chest freezers
3	Cooking stoves
1	Dishwasher
1	Convection oven
1	24" x 24" griddle
4	Washing machines
4	Dryers
4	Pacto toilets
30	Toyotomi heating stoves
10	Oil drip stoves
10	Containment berms for fuel cache & drill equipment
36	Mini berms for tent drums and fuel transfer
3	Herman nelson heaters
4	Survival shacks
1	Bucket for skid steer
1	Concrete slab bucket for skid steer
1	Snowblower
3	Starlink units
1	Skid Steer
10	Spill kits
-	Fire fighting equipment
-	Heavy electrical cables and panel boxes
-	Various lumber
-	Various office, camp and medical supplies

Drill Equipment

Quantity	Item
1	Zinex A-5 diamond drill with engine, feed frame, control panel, drill head, foot clamp, wireline and drill shack
1	MPP Discovery II diamond drill with engine, feed frame, control panel, drill head, foot clamp, wireline and drill shack
1	Spare engine
1	Spare rotation motor
2	Spare feed cylinders
1	Spare foot clamps
2	Spare winch and pump drive motors
1	Spare wireline winch (2 spare rolls of wireline)
4	5 kW gas generators
1	Welders
5	Supply pumps (1 spare transmission)
3	Trash pumps
3	Spare down hole pumps
2	Mud separators
6	Mud tanks
8	Coil stoves
4	120V burners
6	Fuel tanks
2	Fly baskets
285	3m NQ drill rods
90	1.5m casing
6	Outer tubes
14	Inner tubes
75	200 psi water line
75	400 psi water line
10	Spill kits
4	Survival shacks
133	HQ drill rods
28	HW casing
24	Pallets/crates of RC equipment, including broken down drill
-	Various fittings & tooling

Drill Consumables

Quantity	Item
90	Various drill muds (5 gal pails)
15	Motor oil (1 gal cans)
15	Hydraulic oil (5 gal pails)
32	Rod grease (5 gal pails)
4000	Calcium Chloride (50lb bags)

Vehicles

Quantity	Item
2	All-terrain vehicles with trailers
4-8	Snowmobile

Fuel

Material	Container	Quantity
Diesel	205 L Drum	350
Gasoline	205 L Drum	25
Jet Fuel (Jet A)	205 L Drum	350
Propane	100 lb Cylinder	50