

## **Exploration Agreement Signed for ICE Copper-Gold Project, Canada**

### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Bastion Minerals and Ross River Dena Council execute Exploration Consent Agreement for Bastion's ICE Project, located ~220km north of Whitehorse, Yukon, in Canada
- The executed agreement is a key enabler of future exploration at the ICE Project
- The ICE Project contains JORC Indicated resources of 5.76 Mt @ 1.09% Cu and Inferred resources of 0.67 Mt @ 0.83% Cu at a 0.3% cutoff<sup>1</sup>
- To date, less than 1% of the ICE Project area has been drill tested – multiple geochemical and geophysical targets provide potential for discovery of additional mineralisation zones
- 11 priority targets have been identified, with potential for future discovery of additional zones of VHMS mineralisation near the resource and through the properties<sup>2</sup>
- An initial geochemical program of soil and rock chip samples was completed earlier this year, with pending results assisting to develop next exploration steps<sup>3</sup>

### **Non-Executive Chairman, Mr Gavin Rutherford said:**

*"The agreement with RRDC has been carefully structured and mutually endorsed by all signatories. It marks a major milestone in securing ongoing access to our ICE Project site and reinforces that the Yukon is genuinely 'open for business'. Both RRDC and the newly sworn-in Yukon Government bring their own well-established principles and frameworks, and these align with the requirements for Bastion to effectively and responsibly advance the Project.*

*Unlocking the mineral potential of this under-explored region, while working in partnership with the Traditional Owners, supports our long-term strategy and reflects our commitment to responsible development. Our previously announced JORC Mineral Resource Estimate underscores the scale and quality of the opportunity at ICE, and progressing the Project in close collaboration with RRDC provides the optimum pathway to realise its full value."*

<sup>1</sup> BMO ASX Announcement 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025, "6.43 Mt @ 1.07% Cu JORC Mineral Resource Estimate for the ICE Copper-Gold Project"

<sup>2</sup> BMO ASX Announcement 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024, "11 Exploration Targets Identified – Ice Project, Canada Targeting New Discoveries & Resource Expansion"

<sup>3</sup> BMO ASX Announcement 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025 "VHMS Exploration Program Commences at ICO Copper-Gold Project, Canada"

Bastion Minerals Ltd (ASX: **BMO**, **Bastion** or the **Company**) is pleased to advise that the Exploration Consent Agreement (**ECA**) has been formally executed with the Ross River Dena Council (**RDDC**) pertaining to the Company's ICE Copper-Gold Project, located within the Yukon, Canada.

The execution of the ECA allows Bastion to commence preparation for its next field season at ICE which is expected to commence in Spring 2026 (Northern Hemisphere Spring) following the completion of the wet season, or when conditions allow.

## The ICE Project<sup>1</sup>

The ICE Copper-Gold Project contains a JORC Code Mineral Resource Estimate (**MRE**) of 6.43 Mt @ 1.07% Cu.

The new JORC Code (2012) re-estimation, announced in June 2025, confirmed the original foreign historical resource tonnage and grade for the ICE Copper-Gold Project. Bastion reported indicated resources of 5.76 Mt @ 1.09% Cu and inferred resources of 0.67 Mt @ 0.83% Cu at a 0.3% cutoff.

The resource covers 115 drill holes, almost entirely <200m deep, with 92% of the resources classified as indicated. To date, less than 1% of the Project area has been drill tested, with multiple geochemical and geophysical targets providing potential for discovery of additional mineralisation zones.

Eleven priority targets have been identified, with potential for future discovery of additional zones of VHMS mineralisation near the resource and through the properties.

**Table 1. New JORC (2012) Mineral Resource Estimate for ICE Copper-Gold Project at a 0.3% Cu cut-off**

| Class     | Cut-off | Mt   | Cu % | Au g/t | Ag ppm | Zn % | Co %  | Kt Cu |
|-----------|---------|------|------|--------|--------|------|-------|-------|
| Indicated | Cu 0.3% | 5.76 | 1.09 | 0.09   | 2.9    | 0.11 | 0.018 | 62.8  |
| Inferred  | Cu 0.3% | 0.67 | 0.83 | 0.10   | 2.9    | 0.09 | 0.018 | 5.81  |
| Total     | Cu 0.3% | 6.43 | 1.07 | 0.09   | 2.9    | 0.11 | 0.018 | 68.6  |



Figure 1: Project location in the south of the Yukon Territory, showing Indicated Resource tonnage

## Geochemical Program<sup>3</sup>

Bastion, via geoscience consulting firm Aurora Geosciences Ltd (**AGL**), has completed a targeted geochemical program comprising the collection of 85 soil and rock chip samples for analysis. The focus of this exploration program was to identify any visual clues for mineralisation, particularly relating to the likelihood of further surface Volcanic Hosted Massive Sulphides (**VHMS**) indications.

The 85 samples were collected where conductors had been noted, more specifically in areas where historic sampling had been taken. This sampling program forms a key part of Bastion's due diligence program to utilise modern assay techniques to quantify and correlate historical results at ICE.

All samples have been sent to ALS Laboratory in Whitehorse, Canada, for multi-element fire assay. The Company will update the market as results are interpreted and confirms these assay results will contribute to planning the Company's next stages of field exploration, anticipated to commence in Spring (Northern Hemisphere) 2026, or when conditions allow.

**This announcement was approved for release by the Non-Executive Chairman of Bastion Minerals.**

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