

Arizona Sonoran drills 1.78% CuT over 639 ft (194.8 m) from the Parks/Salyer Deposit

Casa Grande, AZ and Toronto, ON, September 12, 2023 – Arizona Sonoran Copper Company Inc. (TSX:ASCU | OTCQX:ASCUF) (“ASCU” or the “Company”), an emerging copper developer and near-term producer, drills initial 13 infill holes from the high grade core of the Parks/Salyer deposit demonstrating continuity of grade and mineralized widths at 125 ft (38 m) drill spacing (see [FIGURES 1-15](#)). A total of 29,036 ft (8,850.2 m) has now been drilled within the overall 105,000 ft (32,000 m) infill to measured drilling program over the Cactus Project deposits. This program is being undertaken to upgrade parts of the current mineral resources to the measured category for a definitive feasibility study (“DFS”) in late 2024.

Drilling Highlights:

- **Drilling replicating high grade-thicknesses from prior drill programs, including 5 new intervals in the top 10 grade thickness intervals at Parks/Salyer (see [FIGURE 4](#))**
- **In July and August, 2 drill rigs focused in the eastern section, interpreted to be the high grade core of the deposit**
- **ECP-145: 937 ft (285.8 m) @ 1.41% CuT of continuous mineralization**
 - o 639 ft (194.8 m) @ 1.78% CuT, 1.37% Cu TSol, 0.016% Mo (enriched)
 - o Incl 78 ft (23.8 m) @ 4.10% CuT, 2.96% Cu TSol, 0.013% Mo
- **ECP-147: 1,023 ft (312 m) @ 1.05% CuT of continuous mineralization**
 - o 935 ft (285.2 m) @ 1.02% CuT, 0.63% Cu TSol, 0.014% Mo (enriched)
 - o Incl 202 ft (61.6 m) @ 2.03% CuT, 1.28% Cu TSol, 0.016% Mo
- **ECP-162: 1,132 ft (344.9 m) @ 1.23% CuT of continuous mineralization**
 - o 597 ft (181.8 m) @ 1.49% CuT, 1.44% Cu TSol, 0.019% Mo (enriched)
 - o And 170 ft (51.8 m) @ 1.92% CuT, 1.88% Cu TSol, 0.023% Mo
- **ECP-169: 880.2 ft (268.3 m) @ 1.13% CuT of continuous mineralization**
 - o 519 ft (158.2 m) @ 1.49% CuT, 1.09% Cu TSol, 0.011% Mo (enriched)
 - o Incl 158ft (48.2m) @ 2.16% CuT, 2.10% Cu TSol, 0.004% Mo
- **ECP-152: 1,011 ft (308.2 m) @ 0.78% CuT of continuous mineralization**
 - o 674 ft (205.6 m) @ 1.0% CuT, 0.94% Cu TSol, 0.020% Mo (enriched)
 - o Incl 125 ft (38.3 m) @ 2.18% CuT, 2.13% Cu TSol, 0.017% Mo

NOTE: True widths are not known, see PR dated [September 28, 2022](#) for the P/S mineral resource

George Ogilvie, Arizona Sonoran President and CEO commented, “The team continues to execute and deliver solid results as we advance our Cactus and Parks/Salyer projects. The proven continuity of the Parks/Salyer mineralization within the deposit continues to support our vision of a top tier asset within a tier 1 jurisdiction. Additionally, with the recent option of MainSpring, the Parks/Salyer southern extension, we see a tremendous opportunity to continue building the Parks/Salyer mineral resource beyond the current 2.9 billion pounds at 1.015% total copper inferred resource.”

Drilling Recap

A total of 26 infill-to-measured core holes (of a planned 47-hole program) have been drilled at 125 ft (38m) drill centers in the eastern half of the Parks/Salyer mineral resource area since April 1st, 2023. We continue to focus on defining the high-grade core of the mineral resource, with encouraging and consistent intervals of mineralization as the geological team continues to work toward completing the drilling that will be needed for a measured resource for the Definitive Feasibility Study in 2024. As shown in [FIGURE 4](#), holes ECP-145 and ECP-162 demonstrate the overall continuity of width and grade predicted by the earlier 250 ft (76m) infill-to-indicated drill program, especially in the center of the previously defined thicker areas of higher grade copper, where both thickness and average grades continue to be defined by the latest infill drilling. Completed drilling that is pending results will help to further define the characteristics and boundaries of these two high grade centers of mineralization.

TABLE 1: Parks/Salyer Drilling Highlights

Hole Id	Zone	Feet			Metres			Grade		
		From	To	Length	From	To	Length	CuT	TSol	Mo
ECP-132	oxide	1,535.5	1,586.9	51.4	468.0	483.7	15.7	0.95	0.94	0.011
	enriched	1,586.9	1,816.0	229.1	483.7	553.5	69.8	1.02	0.95	0.007
	including	1,586.9	1,634.7	47.8	483.7	498.3	14.6	1.52	1.45	0.012
	and	1,678.0	1,708.0	30.0	511.5	520.6	9.1	1.24	1.20	0.005
	and	1,752.6	1,804.0	51.4	534.2	549.9	15.7	1.17	1.03	0.005
	primary	1,816.0	2,246.0	430.0	553.5	684.6	131.1	0.21	0.02	0.004
	including	1,843.0	1,896.0	53.0	561.7	577.9	16.2	0.36	0.05	0.002
ECP-138	enriched	1,041.4	1,159.0	117.6	317.4	353.3	35.8	1.58	1.54	0.010
	including	1,068.0	1,108.0	40.0	325.5	337.7	12.2	2.52	2.51	0.007
	enriched	1,268.0	1,313.3	45.3	386.5	400.3	13.8	0.96	0.93	0.028
	enriched	1,376.2	1,497.7	121.5	419.5	456.5	37.0	1.00	0.78	0.016
	including	1,386.0	1,451.0	65.0	422.5	442.3	19.8	1.39	1.30	0.016
	primary	1,497.7	2,115.8	618.1	456.5	644.9	188.4	0.49	0.05	0.013



Hole Id	Zone	Feet			Metres			Grade		
		From	To	Length	From	To	Length	CuT	TSol	Mo
	including	1,597.0	1,657.3	60.3	486.8	505.1	18.4	0.65	0.07	0.016
	and	1,798.5	2,008.3	209.8	548.2	612.1	63.9	0.69	0.05	0.020
ECP-145	enriched	1,064.0	1,703.0	639.0	324.3	519.1	194.8	1.78	1.37	0.016
	including	1,074.0	1,152.0	78.0	327.4	351.1	23.8	4.10	2.96	0.013
	primary	1,703.0	2,001.5	298.5	519.1	610.1	91.0	0.62	0.05	0.033
	including	1,703.0	1,733.0	30.0	519.1	528.2	9.1	0.96	0.09	0.010
	and	1,852.0	1,882.0	30.0	564.5	573.6	9.1	0.86	0.07	0.020
ECP-147	enriched	1,000.3	1,936.0	935.7	304.9	590.1	285.2	1.02	0.63	0.014
	including	1,145.0	1,347.0	202.0	349.0	410.6	61.6	2.03	1.28	0.016
	and	1,397.0	1,427.0	30.0	425.8	434.9	9.1	1.75	1.29	0.021
ECP-152	primary	1,936.0	2,024.0	88.0	590.1	616.9	26.8	0.62	0.05	0.013
	oxide	1,042.0	1,062.3	20.3	317.6	323.8	6.2	1.00	0.97	0.018
	enriched	1,272.0	1,946.7	674.7	387.7	593.4	205.6	1.00	0.94	0.020
	including	1,293.4	1,419.0	125.6	394.2	432.5	38.3	2.18	2.13	0.017
	and	1,674.0	1,724.0	50.0	510.2	525.5	15.2	1.33	1.31	0.028
	and	1,892.0	1,916.0	24.0	576.7	584.0	7.3	1.68	1.65	0.032
	primary	1,946.7	2,283.0	336.3	593.4	695.9	102.5	0.35	0.04	0.016
ECP-155	including	1,946.7	2,075.0	128.3	593.4	632.5	39.1	0.54	0.05	0.017
	oxide	1,072.0	1,140.0	68.0	326.7	347.5	20.7	0.72	0.70	0.018
	oxide	1,223.5	1,315.0	91.5	372.9	400.8	27.9	0.87	0.85	0.018
	enriched	1,315.0	1,887.6	572.6	400.8	575.3	174.5	1.04	0.92	0.023
	including	1,322.0	1,347.0	25.0	402.9	410.6	7.6	2.20	2.17	0.031
	and	1,510.0	1,620.0	110.0	460.2	493.8	33.5	1.29	1.06	0.028
	and	1,690.0	1,730.0	40.0	515.1	527.3	12.2	1.41	1.31	0.021
	primary	1,887.6	2,290.0	402.4	575.3	698.0	122.7	0.23	0.02	0.011
ECP-156	including	1,988.0	2,017.0	29.0	605.9	614.8	8.8	0.87	0.06	0.017
	enriched	1,118.9	1,756.0	637.1	341.0	535.2	194.2	0.81	0.57	0.010
	including	1,366.0	1,566.0	200.0	416.4	477.3	61.0	1.33	1.21	0.009
ECP-158	primary	1,756.0	2,081.6	325.6	535.2	634.5	99.2	0.52	0.05	0.014
	including	1,806.0	1,876.0	70.0	550.5	571.8	21.3	0.66	0.06	0.011
	oxide	1,256.0	1,336.7	80.7	382.8	407.4	24.6	1.70	1.69	0.020
	enriched	1,367.0	1,876.9	509.9	416.7	572.1	155.4	1.20	1.09	0.020
	including	1,382.0	1,432.0	50.0	421.2	436.5	15.2	2.79	2.13	0.032
	and	1,634.0	1,734.0	100.0	498.0	528.5	30.5	1.45	1.40	0.016
	primary	1,876.9	2,311.0	434.1	572.1	704.4	132.3	0.27	0.03	0.011
ECP-159	including	1,897.0	1,969.4	72.4	578.2	600.3	22.1	0.42	0.04	0.009
	and	2,240.0	2,300.0	60.0	682.8	701.0	18.3	0.41	0.03	0.011
	enriched	1,493.0	1,823.2	330.2	455.1	555.7	100.6	1.27	0.77	0.015
	including	1,503.0	1,587.0	84.0	458.1	483.7	25.6	1.84	1.35	0.012
	primary	1,823.2	2,056.3	233.1	555.7	626.8	71.0	0.58	0.14	0.017
	including	1,833.0	1,903.5	70.5	558.7	580.2	21.5	0.70	0.09	0.017



Hole Id	Zone	Feet			Metres			Grade		
		From	To	Length	From	To	Length	CuT	TSol	Mo
ECP-162	oxide	1,163.0	1,310.8	147.8	354.5	399.5	45.0	1.39	1.36	0.015
	including	1,212.7	1,280.7	68.0	369.6	390.4	20.7	2.09	2.05	0.017
	enriched	1,321.0	1,917.5	596.5	402.6	584.5	181.8	1.49	1.44	0.019
	including	1,367.9	1,418.0	50.1	416.9	432.2	15.3	2.57	2.54	0.016
	and	1,668.0	1,838.0	170.0	508.4	560.2	51.8	1.92	1.88	0.023
	primary	1,917.5	2,304.9	387.4	584.5	702.5	118.1	0.30	0.03	0.010
	including	1,917.5	1,978.4	60.9	584.5	603.0	18.6	0.41	0.05	0.006
and	2,059.0	2,079.0	20.0	627.6	633.7	6.1	0.56	0.06	0.008	
ECP-165	oxide	1,357.0	1,386.0	29.0	413.6	422.5	8.8	1.72	1.71	0.033
	enriched	1,429.5	1,598.0	168.5	435.7	487.1	51.4	1.49	1.46	0.012
	including	1,437.0	1,487.0	50.0	438.0	453.2	15.2	2.29	2.20	0.013
	enriched	1,748.0	1,884.0	136.0	532.8	574.2	41.5	1.08	1.05	0.009
	including	1,758.2	1,788.0	29.8	535.9	545.0	9.1	1.60	1.58	0.010
	primary	1,884.0	2,327.0	443.0	574.2	709.3	135.0	0.28	0.03	0.011
including	1,908.5	1,945.0	36.5	581.7	592.8	11.1	0.46	0.04	0.007	
ECP-168	oxide	1,282.0	1,385.5	103.5	390.8	422.3	31.5	0.97	0.97	0.027
	including	1,365.4	1,385.5	20.1	416.2	422.3	6.1	2.36	2.36	0.036
	enriched	1,405.0	1,570.5	165.5	428.2	478.7	50.4	1.28	1.22	0.016
	including	1,405.0	1,439.0	34.0	428.2	438.6	10.4	2.09	2.08	0.038
	and	1,518.0	1,548.0	30.0	462.7	471.8	9.1	1.63	1.62	0.010
	enriched	1,696.3	1,862.5	166.2	517.0	567.7	50.7	1.49	1.46	0.008
	including	1,730.0	1,800.0	70.0	527.3	548.6	21.3	1.93	0.35	0.006
	primary	1,862.5	2,300.4	437.9	567.7	701.2	133.5	0.25	0.03	0.010
including	1,862.5	1,960.0	97.5	567.7	597.4	29.7	0.44	0.06	0.012	
ECP-169	enriched	693.3	730.0	36.7	211.3	222.5	11.2	0.79	0.79	0.007
	enriched	1,028.1	1,547.0	518.9	313.4	471.5	158.2	1.49	1.09	0.011
	including	1,036.0	1,194.0	158.0	315.8	363.9	48.2	2.16	2.10	0.004
	primary	1,547.0	1,908.3	361.3	471.5	581.6	110.1	0.61	0.05	0.017
including	1,601.5	1,692.0	90.5	488.1	515.7	27.6	0.75	0.08	0.020	

1. Intervals are presented in core length and are drilled with vertical, or steep dip angles.
2. Drill assays assume a mineralized cut-off grade of 0.5% CuT reflecting the potential for heap leaching of underground material in the case of Oxide and Enriched or in the case of Primary material, 0.1% CuT, to provide typical average grades. Holes were terminated below the basement fault.
3. Assay results are not capped. Intercepts are aggregated within geological confines of major mineral zones.
4. True widths are not known.

Table 2: Drilling details

Hole	Easting (m)	Northing (m)	Elevation (ft)	TD (ft)	Azimuth	Dip
ECP-132	421884.8	3645378.0	1386.7	2430.0	235.0	-80.0
ECP-138	421775.2	3645055.4	1376.0	2248.0	115.0	-80.0

ECP-145	421948.2	3644932.1	1377.2	2011.6	0.0	-90.0
ECP-147	421897.2	3644937.9	1374.2	2219.9	0.0	-90.0
ECP-152	421876.6	3645214.3	1381.0	2315.0	0.0	-90.0
ECP-155	421843.8	3645229.5	1381.0	2315.4	0.0	-90.0
ECP-156	421919.7	3645022.2	1376.8	2103.0	0.0	-90.0
ECP-158	421876.6	3645251.8	1381.9	2347.2	0.0	-90.0
ECP-159	421960.0	3645022.5	1377.4	2077.0	0.0	-90.0
ECP-162	421945.2	3645277.4	1383.3	2323.0	0.0	-90.0
ECP-165	421921.3	3645307.7	1384.6	2373.0	0.0	-90.0
ECP-168	421884.6	3645283.8	1382.8	2360.1	0.0	-90.0
ECP-169	422007.8	3644902.1	1374.8	1912.8	0.0	-90.0

Quality Assurance / Quality Control

Drilling completed on the project between 2020 and 2022 was supervised by on-site ASCU personnel who prepared core samples for assay and implemented a full QA/QC program using blanks, standards, and duplicates to monitor analytical accuracy and precision. The samples were sealed on site and shipped to Skyline Laboratories in Tucson AZ for analysis. Skyline's quality control system complies with global certifications for Quality ISO9001:2008.

Technical aspects of this news release have been reviewed and verified by Allan Schappert – CPG #11758, who is a qualified person as defined by National Instrument 43-101– Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects.

Links from the Press Release

September 28, 2022: <https://arizonasonoran.com/news-releases/arizona-sonoran-doubles-global-leachable-resource-inventory-and-declares-maiden-mineral-resources-at-parks-salyer-of-2.92/>
 Figures 1-15: <https://arizonasonoran.com/projects/cactus-mine-project/press-release-images/>

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ASCU's objective is to become a mid-tier copper producer with low operating costs and to develop the Cactus and Parks/Salyer Projects that could generate robust returns for investors and provide a long term sustainable and responsible operation for the community and all stakeholders. The Company's principal asset is a 100% interest in the Cactus Project (former ASARCO, Sacaton mine) which is situated on private land in an infrastructure-rich area of Arizona. Contiguous to the Cactus

Project is the Company's 100%-owned Parks/Salyer deposit that could allow for a phased expansion of the Cactus Mine once it becomes a producing asset. The Company is led by an executive management team and Board which have a long-standing track record of successful project delivery in North America complemented by global capital markets expertise.

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