

## Aztec Minerals Shareholder Update: Review of 2025 Highlights and Outlook for 2026

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**Vancouver, Canada January 5, 2026** - Aztec Minerals Corp. (AZT: TSX-V, OTCQB: AZZTF) ("Aztec" or the "Company") provides shareholders with the following review of its 2025 exploration & corporate highlights and its outlook for 2026. Aztec's core assets include a 85.0% JV interest in the historic Tombstone silver-gold district in southeastern Arizona and a 100% interest in the prospective Cervantes Porphyry Gold-Copper Property in Sonora, Mexico.

Simon Dyakowski, President & CEO of Aztec, commented, "2025 was a foundational year for the Company as we advanced both of our precious metal discovery projects, highlighted by the drilling of the highest-grade silver and gold intercepts ever discovered by Aztec at the Tombstone Project. On the corporate side, we raised \$13.6 million in two equity financings and increased our ownership of the Tombstone JV from 77.7% to 85.0%. At the Tombstone Project in southeastern Arizona, we started the year by reporting the highest-grade silver intersection drilled by Aztec and closed 2025 by reporting the highest-grade gold intersection discovered, to date. In the second quarter, we significantly increased our land position, by nearly 50%, through staking an additional 31 claims. Mid-year, the Tombstone JV initiated its largest ever drill program, which was recently expanded from an originally planned 5,000 meters to a minimum of 8,500 meters, and is planned to continue into 2026. The program of both reverse circulation drilling of the shallow, gold-silver oxide targets and now the first ever core drilling of CRD style targets is ongoing with additional analytical results pending. At the Cervantes Porphyry Gold-Copper Property in Sonora Mexico, we conducted reconnaissance outcrop sampling and geological mapping of several targets as we look to advance the project with further exploration in 2026. As silver and gold prices trade at all time highs, Aztec is positioned to create substantial shareholder value in 2026 with continued advancement at each of our precious metals discovery projects."

### Tombstone Project 2025 Highlights

- Reported **highest grade silver** intersected at the Property by Aztec to date:
  - High grade Silver Intersection of **7,269 gpt AgEq (233.7 opt AgEq – 3,669 gpt Ag, 44.7 gpt Au) over 1.52 m, within a zone of 569 gpt AgEq (18.3 opt AgEq – 290 gpt Ag, 3.48 gpt Au) over 25.8 m**
  - The intercept was in TR24-16 in the South Extension of the Contention pit and intersected multiple zones of oxide Ag-Au mineralization including **106.4m of 147.9 gpt AgEq (1.85 gpt AuEq – 0.90 gpt Au and 76.2 gpt Ag)**
  - The TR24-16 high grade intercept is located along the general Contention Pit trend 439 m SSW from the prior high-grade intercept in TC23-01 (3,477 gpt silver and 0.12 gpt gold (3,485.1 gpt AgEq) over 1.52
- Discovered **high-grade mineralization in first pass drilling** of the Westside Target Area:

- Drillhole TR24-13 intersected **24.4m of 106.24 gpt AgEq** within a broader zone of **85.4m averaging 47.31 gpt AgEq** at shallow depth
- The first pass test of the Westside Target Area confirmed significant silver-gold oxide mineralization intersections for the geologically diverse, modeled targets
- The Westside Target Area demonstrates potential for shallow silver-gold oxide mineralization like that of the adjacent Contention Target Area
  - *Please see news release dated January 22, 2025*
  - *Please see news release dated January 28, 2025*
- **Expanded Property Land Position by 46.7%:**
  - Staked 31 new unpatented lode mining claims totaling 211 hectares (522 acres), increasing the overall Tombstone Project JV land package by 46.7% from 452 hectares to 663 hectares (1,639 acres).
    - *Please see news release dated May 20, 2025*
- **Commenced 5,000-meter RC and Core drilling program, subsequently increased to a minimum of 8,500 meters:**
  - Aztec reported strong initial results and expanded and extended into 2026 including the first core drilling of CRD style targets below the oxide silver-gold target area:
    - Drillhole TR25-03 intersected **6.08m of 456.6 gpt AgEq** within a broader zone of **50.3m averaging 89.7 gpt AgEq** at shallow depth
    - Drillhole TC25-02 which intersected **62.5m at 40.7 gpt AgEq (19.4 gpt Ag and 0.24 gpt Au)**
    - Drillhole TR25-06 intersected **3.04m of 2149.5 gpt AgEq** within a broader zone of **28.9m averaging 250.2 gpt AgEq** at shallow depth
    - Drillhole TR25-05 intersected **4.6m of 590 gpt AgEq** within a broader zone of **47.1m of 0.55 gpt Au and 36.4 gpt Ag (85.5 gpt AgEq)** at shallow depth
      - *Please see news releases dated June 11, August 14, September 23, and December 4, 2025*
  - Drilled Highest Grade Gold Intersection to-date by Aztec
    - Drillhole TR25-17 intersected a broad zone of **36.5m averaging 8.14 gpt Au and 49.67 gpt Ag from 9.1 m depth including 4.6m averaging 58.5 gpt Au and 158.0 gpt Ag from 16.7m depth at a previously untested area of northern portion of the Contention Target**
      - *Please see news release dated November 4, 2025*
- Aztec's drilling over 2020-2025 has been successful in drill testing significant gold-silver mineralization which **remains open in all directions** (*please see summary news releases dated February 19, 2025, July 5, 2023, December 7, 2021, and January 12, 2021*).

### Cervantes Project 2025 Highlights

- Conducted a surface exploration program in preparation for potential future drilling that produced strong results:
  - Expanded the known extent of the California Au-Cu porphyry system another 0.5 kms to the east

- Found and confirmed new prospects with porphyry related mineralization with results of up to **15.6 gpt Au, 177.3 gpt Ag, and 8,062 ppm Cu** in the adjoining target areas of Brasil, Estrella, California East, California North, and Purisima East.
    - *Please see news release dated August 6, 2025*
- Drilling in the 2022-2023 programs **intercepted strong mineralization** at the California Zone, California Norte and Jasper targets.
- The California Zone of **near surface, oxide gold mineralization was successfully expanded in every direction and to depth**, and is approaching the adjacent California Norte mineralized target
- California Zone Drill Highlights Include:
  - **137m @ 1.49 gpT Au incl 51.7m @ 3.42 gpT Au in CAL22-005**
  - **165m @ 1.00 gpT Au incl 24.4m @ 4.25 gpT Au in CAL22-004**
  - **152m @ 0.87 gpT Au, incl 33.5m @ 2.05 gpT Au in CAL22-012**
- Our first drill campaign seven years ago successfully and partially outlined an oxide gold cap to a significant new porphyry gold (copper) discovery at the California zone, with drill intercepts up to **160 meters long grading 0.77 gpt gold** (hole 18CERO10).
  - *Please see summary news release dated March 7, 2024*

### **Corporate Highlights 2025**

- Closed an over subscribed private placement of \$3.6 million in May
- Closed an over subscribed bought deal private placement of \$10.0 million in October
- Increased ownership of Tombstone Project JV to 85.0% from 77.7%.

### **Tombstone 2026 Outlook**

- Additional analytical results from the ongoing RC and Core drilling programs are pending release early in Q1 2026
- Continued drilling campaign targeting further expansions of high-grade shallow gold and silver around and below the Contention open pit and Westside target area, in preparation for a maiden resource estimate
- Continued drill testing of the CRD potential at Tombstone, subject to ongoing program results and funding

### **Cervantes 2026 Outlook**

- Continue surface exploration the Cervantes project during the first half of 2026 in preparation for potential continued step out and exploration drilling.
- Potential 2026 drill program at Cervantes to continue stepping out the shallow near surface gold oxide mineralized zone at the California target, and additional targets.

### **New Opportunities**

- Seek and review potential additional opportunities in safe jurisdictions within the Americas where our focus will be on projects with high quality bulk tonnage gold+/-copper+/-silver potential.

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**About Aztec Minerals** – Aztec is a mineral exploration company focused on two emerging discoveries in North America. The Cervantes project is an emerging porphyry gold-copper discovery in Sonora, Mexico. The Tombstone project is an emerging gold-silver discovery with high grade CRD silver-lead-zinc potential in southern Arizona. Aztec’s shares trade on the TSX-V stock exchange (symbol AZT) and on the OTCQB (symbol AZZTF).

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