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Further Surface Sampling results from Hazelbrook Project, New Zealand

Aurora Minerals Limited ("Aurora", ASX stock code ARM and ARMO, NZX stock code ARM and ARMOA) is pleased to announce further results from ongoing surface sampling and prospecting programs completed at the Hazelbrook Project, a joint venture between Aurora and Emerald Mining Limited.

The company has identified two new soil anomalies, Eastern Anomaly 1 and Eastern Anomaly 2, on the Huia Trend east of the Backyard prospect with values up to 355ppb gold.

Huia Trend

Soil sampling in the central and eastern parts of the Huia Trend, an approximate 5.5km west to east trending corridor which includes the Backyard prospect in its western part, has identified further gold-in-soil anomalies from 407 samples collected.

Eastern Anomaly 1 is a northwest trending gold-in-soil anomaly, striking over 600 meters with values ranging from 17ppb to 28ppb gold. This anomaly is centered at 2590840E 6683300N and is thought to potentially represent an in-situ mineralized zone (refer to map)

This anomaly is coincident with a north-westerly trending shear system identified from aeromagnetic and radiometric data. Arsenic (up to 226ppm) and antimony (up to 63ppm) results are broadly coincident with gold anomalous values.

To the east of the Eastern Anomaly 1, four anomalous gold-in-soil values correspond with a ridgeline and with rock float interpreted as near-surface siliceous breccia or sinter. The highest soil sample result in this anomaly, Eastern Anomaly 2, is 355 ppb Au, 493 ppm As and 40 ppm Sb located at 2590850E, 6683550N.

Single point soil anomalies up to 57ppb gold have also been identified between the Backyard prospect and the Eastern Anomalies.

HIGHEST SOIL RESULTS FROM LATEST SAMPLING ALONG THE HUIA TREND						
Sample	Anomaly	NZMG Easting	NZMG Northing	Au, ppb	Ag, ppm	As, ppm
HBS3365	Eastern Anomaly 1	2591050	6683149	28	3.6	228
HBS3358	Eastern Anomaly 1	2590900	6683251	17	<0.1	3
HBS3381	Eastern Anomaly 1	2590600	6683451	18	<0.1	56
HBS3383	Eastern Anomaly 1	2590749	6683349	22	<0.1	139
HBS3384	Eastern Anomaly 2	2590850	6683550	355	<0.1	493
HBS3385	Eastern Anomaly 2	2590952	6683551	42	<0.1	410
HBS3387	Eastern Anomaly 2	2590799	6683651	17	<0.1	141
HBS3388	Eastern Anomaly 2	2590742	6683741	10	<0.1	5
HBS3209	Single point anomaly	2590450	6682350	57	<0.1	23
HBS3322	Single point anomaly	2591250	6682950	12	<0.1	19
HBS3349	Single point anomaly	2590650	6683149	13	<0.1	53
HBS3447	Single point anomaly	2590549	6681948	13	<0.1	8
HBS3362	Single point anomaly	2591199	6683248	32	<0.1	57
HBS3363	Single point anomaly	2591251	6683149	12	<0.1	3
HBS3374	Single point anomaly	2590949	6683350	16	<0.1	4

The soil sampling was carried out on a 100m x 100m offset grid and infill sampling will be required to confirm continuity of the two gold-in-soil anomalies and width of these anomalies. In the case of all anomalies their lateral extent needs to be determined. This proposed infill sampling will be scheduled for completion over the next few months.

Results from rock-chip sampling, and more soil results in the area are awaited from the laboratory and will be released following assessment.

White Hills Area

White Hills is a new area located 6km to the south of the Huia Trend and 6km north-northeast of the Te Mata prospect.

Mapping and rock-chip sampling have identified an area of propylitically altered siltstones and andesites at White Hills, in a window through what is believed to be flat overlying post-mineralization basalt. A total of 29 rock chips were collected. Of these, 8 returned gold values >10ppb (max 45ppb) and 15

have As >10ppm. Best result was 45ppm Au and 57ppm As from sample HBR463 located at 2589250E 6675620N

The significance of these results is still being evaluated.

All sample grid coordinates are based on hand held GPS measurements. Grid coordinates and farm boundaries are subject to later survey confirmation as warranted.

General Land Access Information

There has been generally good cooperation from local landholders and occupiers for Aurora to conduct surface prospecting and sampling, including along the Huia Trend, in the areas soil sampled to date.

Surface prospecting has not continued east of the 355 ppb gold-in-soil anomaly as it is near the boundary with the next adjoining farm for which land access consent will be required from the landowner and occupier before the Company would prospect there.

It is noted that the location of these anomalies lies on the northern and western slopes of a high hill which may be of cultural significance to Maori.

Drilling or mining in New Zealand is subject to the provisions of the Resource Management Act (1991) and the Crown Minerals Act (1991) which include requiring exploration and mining companies to have the consent of and access agreements with relevant stakeholders including landowners and land occupiers and third party owners of non-precious minerals, and to have consultation with Maori. To date the company has negotiated land access agreements over the Backyard prospect and the western part of the Toolshed prospect.

More important information regarding land access, the Hazelbrook Joint Venture and related information is contained on the Company's website at: <http://www.auroraminerals.com/default.aspx?l=2&p=39>.

Drilling at Backyard Prospect

Applications for consent under the Resource Management Act for the Company's first drilling program at the Backyard prospect have been lodged at the council.

Yours faithfully

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The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Dr Robert S Taylor, a Member of The Institute of Materials Minerals and Mining, Mr Nick Hazard a corporate member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and Mr Garry P O'Hara, a corporate member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

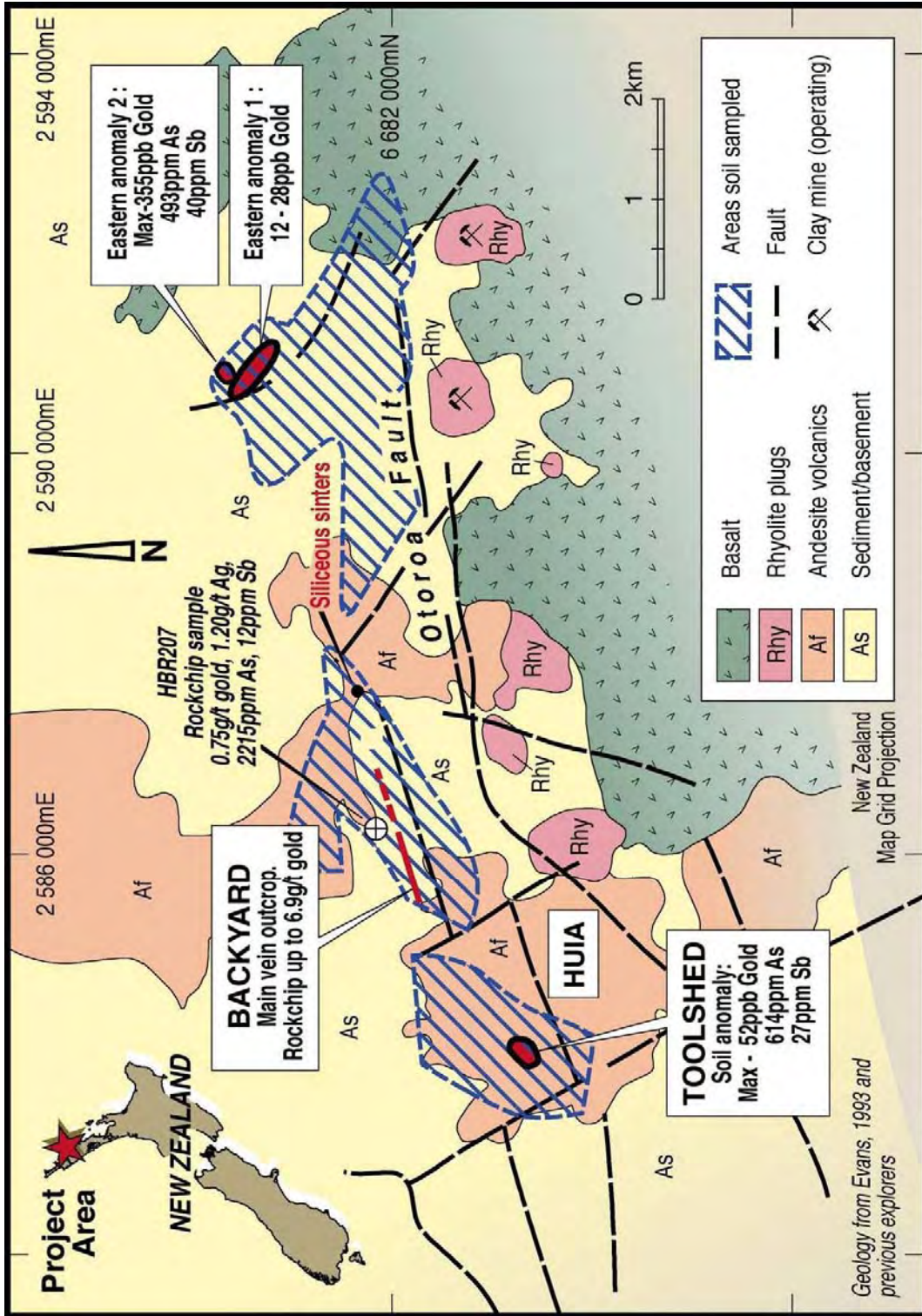
Robert Taylor, Nick Hazard and Garry O'Hara have sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralization and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which they are undertaking to qualify as Competent Persons as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Robert Taylor, Nick Hazard and Garry O'Hara consent to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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