

For immediate release

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## **AURUM MINING PLC**

("Aurum" or "the Company")

### **HOLDING IN COMPANY**

The Company has today received notification from Gartmore Investment Limited that, as a result of the purchase of 100,000 ordinary shares of 1p each in the Company ("Shares") on 23 March 2006 and the purchase of 200,000 Shares on 24 March 2006, Gartmore Smaller Companies Trust plc is interested in 500,000 Shares, representing approximately 5.26% of the Company's issued ordinary share capital.

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#### **Notes to editors**

Aurum Mining joined the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange in May 2004 with the strategy of seeking, evaluating and acquiring gold and other mineral extraction projects in the Former Soviet Union (FSU). In January 2005 the Company completed its first acquisition, giving the Company an exploration licence over the Andash gold and copper project in the Kyrgyz Republic. In its State Register, the State Commission of Resources of the Kyrgyz Republic has included 21.7 million tonnes of C1 and C2 reserves from the project, amounting to gold and gold equivalent of more than 1.5 million ozs.

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