

AURUM MINING PLC
 (“Aurum” or “the Company”)

**Excellent Gold and Copper grades revealed from first drill hole at Tokhtonysay
 New exploration targets discovered**

Aurum Mining plc (AIM: AUR), the Company formed to acquire gold and other mineral extraction projects in the Former Soviet Union (FSU), is delighted to announce excellent results from the initial hole drilled at the Tokhtonysay exploration target and to announce the discovery of new and exciting exploration targets within the Company’s Andash licence area.

The initial drill hole at Tokhtonysay hit mineralisation from the surface to a depth of 85m with a remarkable intersection from 15m to 72m of 1.48g/t of gold and 1.41% copper, which includes 2.01g/t Au and 2.2% Cu from 15m to 41m. These excellent gold and copper grades come from an exploration programme that began in Tokhtonysay in September 2007 with the initial hole drilled vertically into a previously identified IP anomaly.

This IP anomaly is 600m by 300m in size. Its characteristics are typical of porphyry systems and are similar, though extending over a larger area, to Zone 1, which has a JORC Measured and Indicated resource of more than 17 million tonnes, containing 624,000 ozs of gold and 72,000 tonnes of copper.

Tokhtonysay comprises seven outcropping mineralised zones, four of which are situated within the Andash exploration licence area. The remaining three are within the adjacent Korgontash licence area, which is held by Lero Gold Corporation (TSX: LER.V).

Tokhtonysay is situated close to the Zone 1 mine, which is currently under construction, and it therefore has the potential to significantly increase the resource base, prolong the mine life and enhance the profitability of the Andash asset.

Details of the high grade intersection from the initial drill hole at Tokhtonysay are tabulated below:

Sample ID	Intersection in meters		length	Au g/t	Cu %
	from	to			
T36-13	15.0	16.0	1.0	0.33	0.3
T36-14	16.0	17.0	1.0	1.62	1.7
T36-15	17.0	18.0	1.0	1.63	2.7
T36-16	18.0	19.0	1.0	1.37	1.1
T36-17	19.0	20.0	1.0	1.55	2.5
T36-18	20.0	21.0	1.0	1.25	0.9
T36-19	21.0	22.0	1.0	6.31	5.4
T36-20	22.0	23.0	1.0	5.17	5.2
T36-21	23.0	24.0	1.0	4.55	1.0
T36-22	24.0	25.0	1.0	0.61	0.4
T36-23	25.0	26.0	1.0	1.32	2.3
T36-24	26.0	27.0	1.0	1.11	1.3

T36-25	27.0	28.0	1.0	2.28	3.0
T36-26	28.0	29.0	1.0	2.38	1.6
T36-27	29.0	30.0	1.0	1.65	1.7
T36-28	30.0	31.0	1.0	1.19	1.9
T36-29	31.0	32.0	1.0	2.33	2.1
T36-30	32.0	33.0	1.0	0.95	2.3
T36-31	33.0	34.0	1.0	3.67	4.5
T36-32	34.0	35.0	1.0	1.60	3.9
T36-33	35.0	36.0	1.0	3.86	3.0
T36-34	36.0	37.0	1.0	4.49	3.2
T36-35	37.0	38.0	1.0	1.06	3.7
T36-36	38.0	39.0	1.0	1.17	1.8
T36-37	39.0	40.0	1.0	0.65	1.2
T36-38	40.0	41.0	1.0	0.56	1.2

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In addition to the drilling programme at Tokhtonysay, an extensive programme of geophysics by independent consultants, as well as the re-interpretation of historical geophysical data, were completed on the Andash licence, which is subdivided into Zones 1, 2 & 3, and which also includes the Nakhodka, Chonkyshtoo and Tokhtonysay exploration areas.

At Nakhodka, re-interpretation of historical IP data, allied to the new work completed in 2007, resulted in the identification of a further polarized anomaly. It is located 350m to the north from Zone 1 and at a depth of 20m to 40m. This anomaly is also evident 200m to the east at a depth of 20m to 50m, where it continues to dip downwards to 100m to 150m. It is similar to ore body Zone 1 and may lead to the discovery of a 'blind' target with similar parameters located within the contour of the designed open pit. It is intended to instigate a drilling campaign to delineate the extent of mineralisation later this year.

In addition a 'compact' anomaly was discovered some 800m to the southeast of the Nakhodka target. Again this is a 'blind' target, but is detected to a depth of 150m, over a width of 100m, and shows similar characteristics to the Zone 1 ore body. It is intended to investigate this anomaly initially by one vertical drill hole to a depth of 150m.

Commenting on these exploration results, Mark Jones, Aurum's Chief Executive, said:

"The excellent drill hole result with high grades and good intersections, has confirmed our supposition that the grades of gold and copper at Tokhtonysay could be as good or better than those at Zone 1 where production is on track to commence later this year. The Tokhtonysay prospect is close to the Zone 1 mine and therefore brings the opportunity of extending the mine's life. We are also very encouraged by the extensive programme of geophysical work throughout the Andash licence area, which has created new exploration targets and further enhanced the value of the Andash asset."

Dr Philip Newall from Wardell Armstrong International has reviewed this statement as a qualified person as defined by the AIM Rules and has authorised its release.

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Notes to editors

Aurum Mining, which joined the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange in May 2004, is a mining company focussed on gold opportunities in the Former Soviet Union. Its principal asset is an exploration licence over the Andash gold and copper project in the Kyrgyz Republic. A mining licence for Andash Zone 1 was awarded by the Kyrgyz authorities in 2006. The feasibility study compiled by Wardell Armstrong International, also in 2006, confirmed a measured and indicated resource base of 19.2 million tonnes at 1.1 grams per tonne of gold and 0.4% copper, which equates to 1.1 million ozs of gold and gold equivalent. Initial production at Andash Zone 1 is expected in the second half of 2008. The Andash project also includes Zone 2 and Zone 3 along with Tokhtonysay, Nakhodka and three other additional exploration areas.