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Aurora Minerals identifies more significant gold results at Hazelbrook over expanded area

SUMMARY

Aurora Minerals Limited (**ASX codes** ARM and ARMO, **NZX codes** ARM and ARMOA) is pleased to announce new assay results just received from groundwork conducted in late November at its Hazelbrook project in the North Island of New Zealand. These results expand the discovery zone of gold-bearing epithermal quartz veins at the **Backyard Prospect with gold grades up to 6.9 g/t.**

Thirteen rock grab samples were taken **producing further significant gold assays including 6.9 g/t and several in the 4 and 5 g/t gold range.** These results occur in quartz veins outcropping at surface and have expanded the initial discovery zone for an extra 250 metres to the west.

The zone of epithermal quartz veins also continues for at least 350 metres to the east from the initial discovery but this area has not yet been tested.

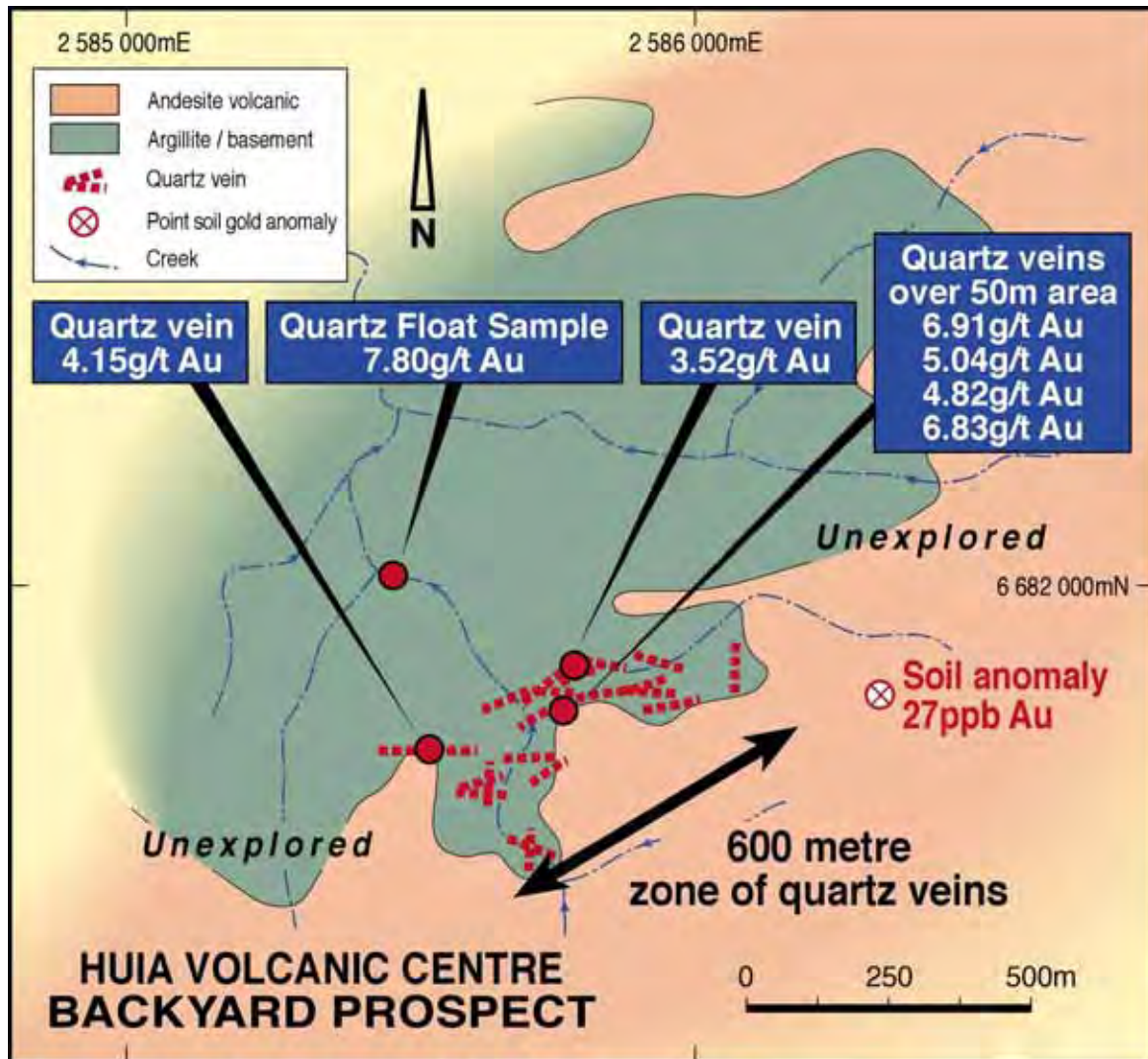
The Company is very encouraged by these early results as the surface rocks appear to have undergone intense leaching suggesting the potential for further good grades at depth.

The Company is also encouraged by results of soil sampling conducted at the same time at Backyard. This identified gold-in-soil anomalies near the gold bearing quartz veins and also further 250 metres to the east of the veins.

The combination of gold-in-quartz rock samples and the gold-in-soil results indicates the potential to increase the strike length of the mineralization to in excess of 800m.

The location of the results are shown on the attached map.

Aurora Minerals is exploring for a Martha-type epithermal quartz vein gold deposit at Hazelbrook. The Martha mine lies to the south of and in a very similar geological setting to Hazelbrook, and has produced approximately 7.5 million ounces of gold to date at an average grade of approximately 7.4 g/t gold.



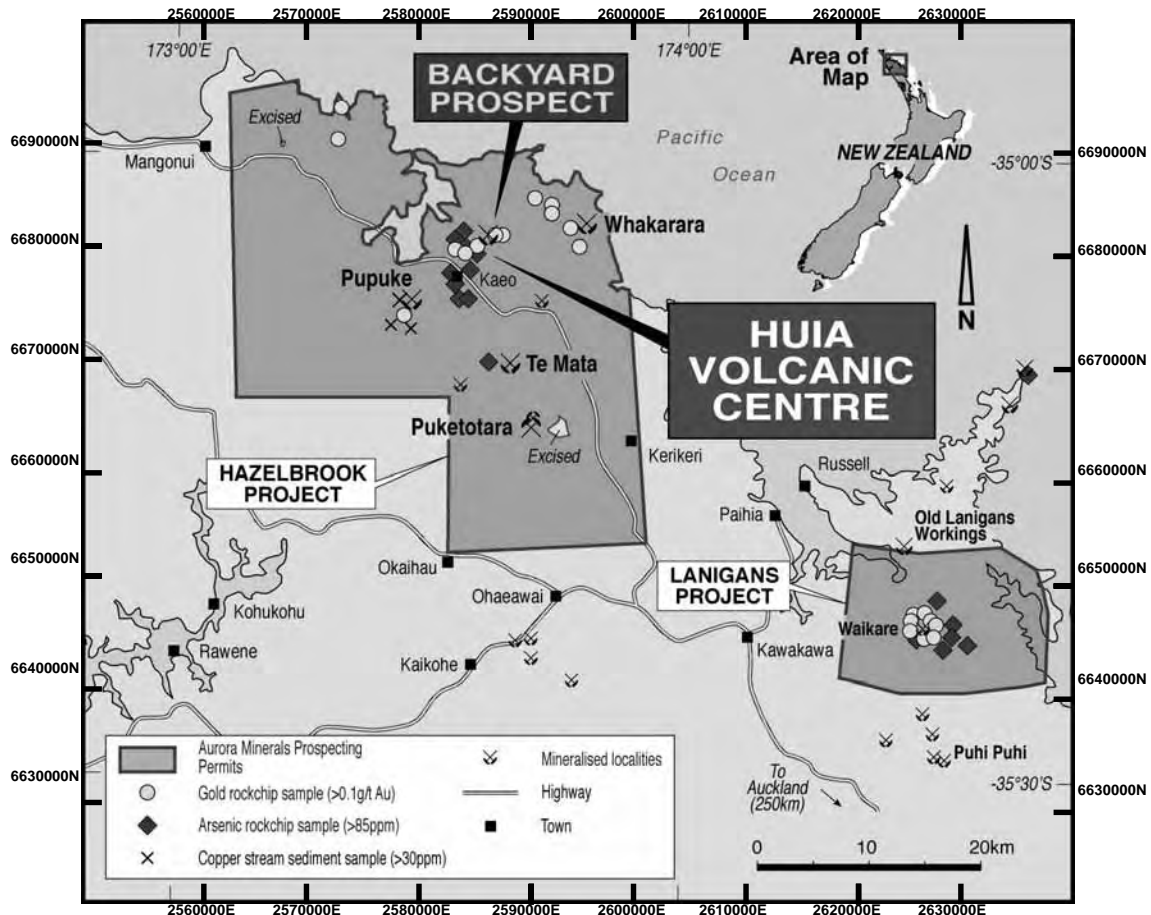
DETAILS

The Backyard prospect is located on the little explored northeast edge of the Huia Volcanic Centre (HVC) a roughly circular andesitic volcanic centre covering some 14 square kilometres which comprises hills and elevated plateau. The HVC is bordered on the north, northeast and west sides by steep valleys.

Previously reported rock chip sampling and mapping produced encouraging grab sample results from a series of epithermal quartz veins at **Backyard Prospect with assays up to 6.8g/t gold**. A previous float sample of vein quartz assaying **7.8g/t gold** was sourced to Backyard.

The vein swarm at the Backyard prospect comprises at least 17 veins varying in width from a few cms to 1.2metres with associated quartz boulders up to 2.5 metres in width. The zone has now been mapped over a strike of approximately 600 metres. The vein swarm is approximately 150 metres wide in a north-south direction.

Typical epithermal textures are evident including wallrock fragments in massive banded quartz, colloform and crustiform banding and cockade quartz, suggesting multiple quartz vein episodes and therefore the potential for multiple phases of mineralizing fluids and gold enrichment.



Aurora Minerals is very encouraged by these latest results and believes Backyard to be only a small part of an epithermal mineral system covering an area in excess of 14 square kilometres around and under the Huia Volcanic Centre.

SIGNIFICANT SAMPLE RESULTS BACKYARD PROSPECT

Sample No	NZ Map Grid Coords		Gold g/t	Location
	E	N		
HBR154	2585557	6681731	1.13	Massive Quartz Vein outcrop grab
HBR1071	2585554	6681732	4.15	Massive Quartz Vein outcrop grab
HBR1095	2585763	6681794	2.34	Quartz Vein subcrop – cliff face
HBR1096	2585749	6681780	6.91	Quartz Vein subcrop – base of cliff
HBR1098	2585749	6681776	4.82	Quartz Vein subcrop – bottom of ridge
HBR1100	2585749	6681776	5.04	Quartz Vein subcrop – bottom of ridge

Sample No	NZ Map Grid Coords		Gold g/t	Location
	E	N		
*HBR67	2585789	6681807	6.80	Quartz vein subcrop
*HBR45	2585797	6681835	3.50	Quartz vein subcrop

* Previously reported results

A total of 53 grab samples were taken from the Backyard area. Thirteen were from massive quartz veins and float as reported above, and the remainder from wallrock and alteration zones.

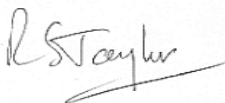
A total of 102 soil samples were taken on a 100m by 50m grid immediately south of the Backyard veins and also along strike to the east. Best results were 138 ppb gold near the veins and 27 ppb gold located 250 metres east of the outcropping veins.

SIGNIFICANT SOIL SAMPLES

Sample No	NZ Map Grid Coords		Gold ppb
	E	N	
HBS2193	2585557	6681731	138
HBS2239	2585554	6681732	27

The Company's geologists also believe that the Hazelbrook project area may host several gold mineralised centres of the type which hosts the Backyard prospect and will continue to identify and evaluate these.

Yours faithfully



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