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FURTHER SURFACE SAMPLING RESULTS FROM ROCKVILLE PROJECT, NEW ZEALAND

Aurora Minerals Limited ("Aurora", ASX stock code ARM and ARMO, NZX stock code ARM and ARMOA) announces further results from recently completed surface sampling at its Rockville Project, NW of Nelson, South Island, New Zealand.

Channel sample results included a highest value of 5.15 g/t gold over 1m, within a 3.2m wide zone of quartz-veined schist which averaged 2.18 g/t gold and 5102ppm arsenic.

The Rockville Prospecting Permit (PP39-273) covers 148km² and is 100% owned by Aurora.

Rock-chip Results, Junction Area Prospect

Prospecting and geological mapping by the Company at the Junction prospect has identified a number of NE trending narrow quartz veins in a package of sheared and altered sericite-pyrite schists.

In the recently completed prospecting program, a total of 49 reconnaissance rock-chip samples were collected over an area of approximately 1.6km by 1.2km at the Junction Area prospect.

Included in these were two one-metre wide rock chip (channel) samples and a 1.2 metre sample collected across a 3.2 metre exposure of the quartz veined rockface where visible gold had been previously reported from a rock sample. The piece of quartz containing the visible gold was not sent for assay as this may have resulted in a large skewed gold assay result.

The three channel samples returned results as follows:-

Sample number	NZMG Easting	NZMG Northing	Interval m	Comment	Au, g/t Au	Au repeat, g/t Au	As, ppm
RV050	2480495	6051498	1.2		0.259	-	4269
RV051	2480495	6051498	1.0		5.154	3.1	5486
RV052	2480495	6051498	1.0	Visible gold in adjoining rock sample	1.526	2.05	5552

During this program, rock-chip sample RV071 returned values of 0.43ppm Au, 2.2ppm Ag and 121 ppm As. This sample is located 120 metres south of the visible gold locality, and is from the same site as previous sample RV017 which assayed at 1.0ppm Au, 6ppm Ag, 240ppm As.

The analytical results in this latest program are considered to be reflective of the variability of results which can occur in a coarse gold environment.

Other anomalous rock chip samples (>50ppb gold) from outcrop in the Junction Area are listed in the table below:

Sample number	NZMG Easting	NZMG Northing	Au ppb	Ag ppm	As ppm
RV038	2480563	6051431	143	1.1	224
RV043	2480563	6051450	57	3.5	133

Further gold and base metal assays are awaited from the old Johnston's United Mine workings.

Soil Sample Results, Junction Area

A trial was conducted using a hand held auger to collect soil samples over a small portion of the permit, covering an area of approximately 1.3km by 1.0km in the Junction Area, to test the effectiveness of the method. Samples were collected on a 100m x 100m grid with some localized samples taken at 50 m spacing. A total of 79 soil samples were collected from those areas which have been cleared of dense gorse bush.

The hand auger encountered difficulties penetrating due to the depth of cover (commonly from 0.2m to 1.6m, up to 2.6m) and the hardness of the surface material and does not appear a reliable method for this terrain.

Some areas could not be sampled due to coarse quartzite alluvial cover. A significant number of the samples were taken in non-ideal material which is a coarse grained indurated (hardened) sand. This sand is interpreted to overlie the Ordovician age rocks which host to the in-situ (bedrock) gold mineralization reported above.

The soil assay results did not suggest any particular anomalous trends; however a series of single-point gold or arsenic anomalies of plus 10ppb Au and plus 50ppm As resulted from the program.

The maximum gold values were 1773ppb Au and 43ppb Au. The maximum soil arsenic value was 431ppm.

The highest gold value of 1773ppb Au was from a single point anomaly within pyritic silts at 2480746E 6051096N. Arsenic and silver from this sample are not considered anomalous at 6ppm and 0.4ppm respectively. Four repeat assays of this sample returned gold values ranging from 90ppb to 1220ppb. This again emphasizes the coarse grained nature of the gold present.

All other results of any significance within soils ranged from 10ppb to 43ppb Au.

The 43ppb Au single point assay (2480746E 6051096N) was returned from a sandy clay near rock-chips RV017 and RV071 mentioned above.

A table of anomalous results is listed below:

Significant Soil Results: Junction Prospect					
Sample number	NZMG Easting	NZMG Northing	Au ppb	Ag ppm	As ppm
RVS003	2480746	6051096	1773	0.4	6
RVS021	2480553	6051394	36.5	0.2	19
RVS027	2480568	6050902	18.3	<0.1	19
RVS032	2480600	6050799	25	<0.1	10
RVS041	2480593	6050602	12	<0.1	3
RVS058	2480676	6051710	29	<0.1	69
RVS074	2480946	6050819	10	<0.1	9

Future Prospecting Activities

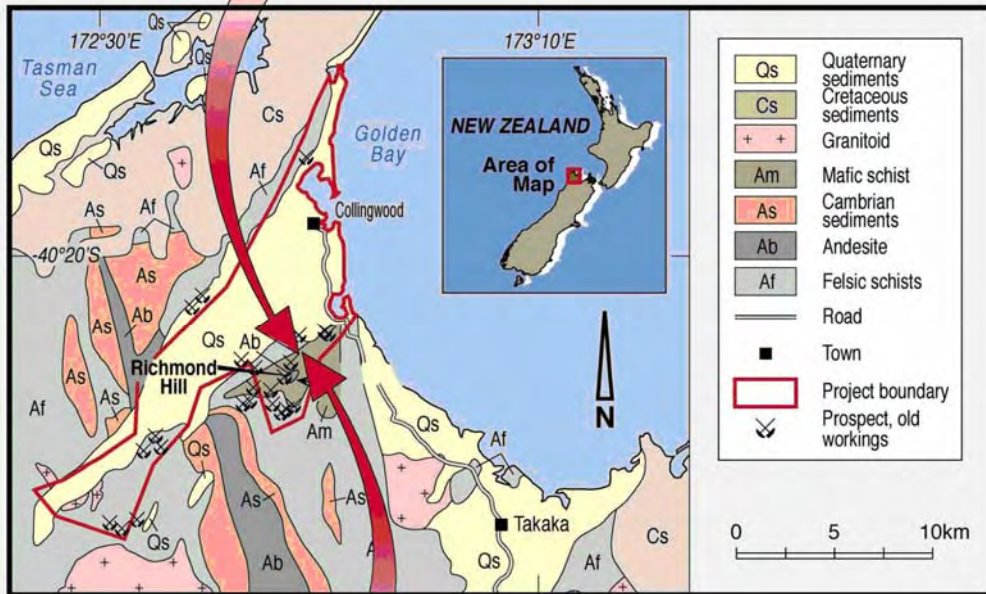
The Junction Area appears to be structurally complex and further, detailed mapping and sampling will be required to investigate continuity of mineralized structures.

Minerals Ownership and Consents

Relevant searches show that all gold, silver and base metals in the Aorere Goldfield area and the Junction Prospect where the Company is currently prospecting are included in Aurora's rights under its Rockville Prospecting Permit 39 273, and that there is no third-party private ownership of minerals.

Any future drilling or mining proposed by the Company would be subject to the provisions of the Resource Management Act and the Crown Minerals Act which includes requiring council approval, requiring the Company to enter access

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Sample	Au g/t	Ag g/t
RV017	1.0	6.0
RV071	0.43	2.2



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Channel Samples	
Sample	Au g/t
RV050	0.26
RV051	5.15
RV052	2.05

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Significant Rock Sample Results**

Total number of samples collected and analysed is 49