

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR--(Marketwired - Dec 13, 2016) - [Aurion Resources Ltd.](http://www.aurionresources.com) ("Aurion") (TSX VENTURE:AU) is pleased to report its partner [B2Gold Corp.](http://www.b2gold.com) (TSX:BTO)(NYSE MKT:BTG)(NAMIBIAN:B2G); ("B2Gold") has completed an inaugural drill program intersecting high grade gold at the Kutuvuoma project in northern Finland.

Aurion is also pleased to report that B2Gold has advised that its 2017 JV exploration budget is US\$2.6 million (CAN\$3.5 million). The program will comprise extensive geochemical surveying, trenching and diamond drilling of multiple targets across the JV.

2016 Drill Program

The drill program comprised 5 HQ sized diamond drillholes with total meterage of 535 m. Two holes were drilled west of the Kutuvuoma deposit, one into the deposit and two east of the deposit over an aggregate distance of approximately 1 km. The program was designed to test for lateral continuity of the Kutuvuoma main mineralized zone east and west of the Kutuvuoma deposit. See attached map for drillhole locations.

The best hole of the program was drillhole KU16003 which was drilled into the known deposit. It intersected two mineralized zones, the first zone assayed 8.59 g/t Au over 2.15 m starting at 21.4 m downhole. The second zone assayed 11.37 g/t Au over 13.3 m starting at 71.85 m downhole. The upper zone intersection occurs in the structural hanging wall, and represents a promising zone to follow up. Previous hanging wall intercepts include 96.5 g/t Au over 1.2 m from Outokumpu ddh KUV-47, drilled in 1993. The second zone was a twin of Outokumpu ddh KUV-36 which assayed 7.2 g/t Au over 19.4 m, also drilled in 1993.

All holes intersected the main Kutuvuoma horizon and were variably mineralized. Hole KU16001 located approximately 370 m west of the Kutuvuoma deposit intersected a zone assaying 1.76 g/t Au over 8.85 m starting at 38.55 m downhole. Hole KU16004 was drilled 240 m west of the deposit and intersected a 27.35 m wide zone of anomalous gold assaying 0.1 to 0.4 g/t Au with a best assay of 2.21 g/t Au over 1.2 m starting at 71.1 m downhole. Hole KU16002 was drilled approximately 100 m east of the deposit and intersected a mineralized zone at 42.55 m downhole which assayed 1.43 g/t Au over 5.05 m. Hole KU16005 was a 650 m step-out to the east of the deposit and intersected a 32.9 m wide zone of anomalous mineralization assaying 0.1-0.4 g/t Au including 2.4 g/t Au over 0.65 m starting at 60.75 m downhole and 10.1 g/t Au over 0.45 m starting at 65.35 m downhole. The deposit remains open at depth and along strike in both directions.

Mike Basha, President and CEO of Aurion commented: "This inaugural drill program, the first since the mid-1990's, is another milestone for Aurion in Finland. The five widely spaced drillholes over a > 1 km distance confirm our original expectations that a laterally continuous mineralized horizon existed at Kutuvuoma. We look forward to B2Gold continuing to advance and systematically explore the more than 5 km long trend in which the Kutuvuoma prospect occurs."

Table 1: Kutuvuoma 2016 drill results summary

HoleID	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)	Au (g/t)
KU16001	38.65	47.50	8.85	1.76
incl	43.45	44.70	1.25	5.60
KU16002	42.55	47.60	5.05	1.67
incl	46.70	47.60	0.90	6.19
KU16003	21.40	23.55	2.15	8.59
incl	22.35	23.55	1.20	11.05
And	71.85	85.15	13.3	11.37
incl	72.40	73.60	1.20	16.65
incl	76.65	77.30	0.65	26.30
incl	78.40	79.60	1.20	24.60
incl	79.60	80.80	1.20	47.00
KU16004	71.10	72.30	1.20	2.21
KU16005	60.75	61.40	0.65	2.41
and	65.35	65.80	0.45	10.10

Note: assay composites were calculated using uncut assays and are reported as drilled lengths. All drill intercepts are downhole widths, true widths appear to be approximately 80-85% of downhole widths but there has been insufficient drilling to date to sufficiently determine true widths.

The 2016 field program was fully funded by B2Gold under an agreement whereby B2Gold can earn up to an undivided 75% interest from Aurion in a project area of approximately 25,000 hectares by completing \$15 million in exploration expenditures, a positive feasibility study and issuing 550,000 B2Gold shares (see Aurion news release of January 20, 2016 for details).

Other - Kutuvuoma Purchase Agreement

Aurion is also pleased to announce that it has met the obligations for purchase of 100% of the Kutuvuoma project including other tenements from Dragon Mining Oy by issuing 6.75 million Aurion shares and completing EUR1 million in exploration expenditures, subject to a 3% NSR, in accordance with the purchase agreement (for further details see Aurion press release dated May 27, 2014).

Quality Assurance and Quality Control

Quality assurance and quality control procedures include the systematic insertion of blanks, standards and duplicates into the core sample strings. The results of the control samples are evaluated on a regular basis with batches re-analysed and/or resubmitted as needed. All results stated in this announcement have passed B2Gold's quality assurance and quality control ("QA/QC") protocols. The primary laboratory for Kutuvuoma drilling is ALS Scandinavia where samples are analysed by metallic screen fire assay and/or fire assay with atomic absorption finish and/or gravimetric finish.

Qualified Person

Mike Basha, P.Eng., P.Geo., Aurion's President and CEO, is a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects and has approved the technical disclosure and verified the technical information in this news release.

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On behalf of the Board,

Mike Basha, President & CEO

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