

AuRico Metals Shareholders Overwhelmingly Approve Acquisition by Centerra Gold

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TORONTO, Dec. 22, 2017 - [AuRico Metals Inc.](#) (TSX:AMI) ("AuRico") today announced the voting results of its special meeting (the "Meeting") of holders of common shares (the "Shareholders") held on December 22, 2017. At the Meeting, the Shareholders were asked to consider and, if deemed advisable, to pass a special resolution (the "Arrangement Resolution") approving a statutory plan of arrangement (the "Arrangement") under section 182 of the Business Corporations Act (Ontario) as contemplated by an arrangement agreement dated November 6, 2017 between AuRico, [Centerra Gold Inc.](#) and Centerra Ontario Holdings Inc. (the "Purchaser") involving, among other things, the acquisition by the Purchaser of all of the issued and outstanding common shares of AuRico.

The Arrangement Resolution required the approval of: (i) at least two-thirds of the votes cast by Shareholders; and (ii) at least a simple majority of the votes cast by Shareholders, excluding the votes cast by certain persons whose votes were required to be excluded in determining minority approval of a business combination pursuant to Multilateral Instrument 61-101 – Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions ("MI 61-101").

The total number of common shares of AuRico represented by Shareholders present in person or by proxy at the Meeting was 114,414,774, representing in total 70.37% of AuRico's issued and outstanding common shares. At the Meeting, Shareholders approved the Arrangement Resolution with approximately 99.90% of the votes cast at the Meeting in favour of the Arrangement (99.90% excluding the votes of certain persons in accordance with MI 61-101).

AuRico will be seeking a final order from the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) with respect to the Arrangement on January 3, 2018 and the Arrangement is expected to be completed on or around January 8, 2018.

About AuRico

AuRico is a mining development and royalty company with a 100% interest in the Kemess property in British Columbia, Canada. The Kemess property hosts the feasibility-stage Kemess Underground Gold-Copper Project, the Kemess East Project and the infrastructure pertaining to the past producing Kemess South mine. AuRico's royalty portfolio includes a 1.5% NSR royalty on the Young-Davidson Gold Mine and a 2.0% net smelter returns royalty on the Fosterville Mine, as well as a portfolio of additional producing and pre-production royalty assets located in North America and Australia.

More information is available at www.auricometals.ca and at www.sedar.com.

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