## Aurion Resources Announces that Kinross Gold Corp Agrees to Purchase Additional Shares in Aurion to Maintain its Ownership Position

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ST. JOHN'S, March 31, 2023 - <u>Aurion Resources Ltd.</u> (TSXV: AU) (OTCQX: AIRRF) ("Aurion" or the "Company") is pleased to announce a non-brokered private placement of common shares (the "Kinross Private Placement") to Kinross Gold Corporation ("Kinross") which, on closing, will enable Kinross to maintain its previous ownership position of approximately 9.98% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company.

By news release dated March 22, 2023, the Company announced a brokered private placement of 9,090,909 Common Shares at a price of C\$0.55 per Common Share (the "Brokered Offering") through a syndicate of agents led by Red Cloud Securities Inc. (collectively, the "Agents"). The Company has also granted the Agents an option (the "Agents' Option"), exercisable at any time up to 48 hours prior to the closing of the Brokered Offering, to sell up to an additional 1,818,181 common shares issuable under the Brokered Offering on the same terms and conditions.

Kinross initially purchased 6,853,500 common shares of the Company by way of private placement in September 2017, thus acquiring 9.98% of the then issued and outstanding common shares of the Company. Kinross has the right to maintain its pro rata interest in the Company for so long as it owns at least 5% of the issued and outstanding common shares of the Company from time to time. The Kinross Private Placement is expected to comprise the sale of a minimum of 1,041,068 common shares and a maximum of 1,242,640 common shares at a price of C\$0.55 per common share, with the final amount to be determined by the extent to which the Agents' Option is exercised.

The Company plans to use the net proceeds of the Brokered Offering and the Kinross Private Placement for the exploration and advancement of the Company's projects in Finland, which includes its Risti, Launi and other projects on its 100% owned land and its joint venture properties with B2Gold Corp. and Kinross Gold Corporation, as well as for general working capital purposes.

The closing of each of the Brokered Offering and the Kinross Private Placement is expected to occur on or about April 12, 2023 and is subject to certain conditions, including, but not limited to, the receipt of any necessary regulatory approvals, including the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange. All securities issued in connection with the Brokered Offering and the Kinross Private Placement will be subject to a hold period of four months and one day from the closing.

The securities to be offered under the Kinross Private Placement have not been, and will not be, registered under the U.S. Securities Act or any U.S. state securities laws, and may not be offered or sold in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, United States persons absent registration or any applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act and applicable U.S. state securities laws. This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in the United States, nor in any other jurisdiction.

About Aurion Resources Ltd.

<u>Aurion Resources Ltd.</u> (Aurion) is a well-funded, Canadian exploration company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (TSXV: AU) and the OTCQX Best Market (OTCQX: AIRRF). Aurion's strategy is to generate or acquire early-stage precious metals exploration opportunities and advance them through direct exploration by our experienced team or by business partnerships and joint venture arrangements. Aurion's current focus is exploring on its Risti and Launi projects, as well as advancing its joint venture properties with <u>B2Gold Corp.</u> and Kinross in Finland.

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On behalf of the Board of Directors, Matti Talikka, CEO

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