Aris Mining Reports 2023 Results With Guidance Achieved, Net Earnings Of \$11.4m, Adjusted Earnings Of \$52.2m (\$0.38/share), Adjusted Ebitda Of \$159m

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VANCOUVER, March 6, 2024 - <u>Aris Mining Corp.</u> (Aris Mining or the Company) (TSX: ARIS) (NYSE-A: ARMN) annour financial and operating results for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2023 (Q4 2023 and FY 2023, respanounts are in US dollars unless otherwise indicated.

Q4 2023 FY 2023

Gold Production 61,052 ounces 226,151 ounces

Segovia Operations AISC/oz¹\$1,264 \$1,173

EBITDA¹ \$19.7M \$112.1M

Adjusted EBITDA¹ \$39.7M \$159.4M

Net earnings (loss) (\$5.9M) or (\$0.04)/share \$11.4M or \$0.08/share

Adjusted earnings¹ \$11.8M or \$0.09/share \$52.2M or \$0.38/share

Aris Mining CEO Neil Woodyer stated: "In 2023, we restructured the operations team and introduced new operating profollowing the combination of GCM Mining and Aris Gold in September 2022. The new team achieved consistent quarter-over-quarter increases in gold production during 2023, significantly enhancing our position in 2024 and the futu achieved the initial phase of our vision to create an attractive gold mining company for investors by integrating profitable with exploration potential and growth projects.

During 2023, our high-grade Segovia Operations produced 202,940 ounces of gold at a processed grade of 10.4 g/t wis sustaining costs per ounce of \$1,173, achieving production and AISC guidance. For the full year 2023, our mines gene million in free cash flow from operations¹ which largely funded \$84.2 million in growth and expansion investments, and the year with a cash position of \$195 million.

With strong gold production results and substantial growth in mineral reserves and resources at our Segovia Operation started construction to increase its processing capacity by 50% to 3,000 tonnes per day with completion expected in earthe new capacity is used, we expect to increase annual gold production at Segovia to over 300,000 ounces. Construction Marmato Lower Mine project has ramped up with initial access roads completed, the lead contractor for portal and decledevelopment selected, and tenders for key items for the new processing plant underway. We are on pace to reach 500 of gold production in Colombia in 2026."

Operations Review - Segovia Operations

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	Q4 2023	3 Q3 2023	3 FY 2023
Tonnes milled (t)	166,329	163,205	663,603
Average tonnes milled per day (tpd)	1,934	1,898	1,858
Average gold grade processed (g/t)	10.63	10.77	10.42
Gold produced (ounces)	54,719	53,826	202,940
Cash costs (\$/ounce sold)1	997	954	928
AISC - owner operated mining (\$/ounce sold) ¹	1,267	1,108	1,120
AISC - partner operated mining (\$/ounce sold) 1,2	21,261	1,308	1,242
AISC - total (\$/ounce sold)1	1,264	1,194	1,173

Aris Mining Quarterly and YTD Cashflow Generation - 2023 (US\$ million)

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	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	FY 2023
Gold sold (ounces)	62,083	59,040	54,228	49,158	224,509
Gold produced (ounces)	61,052	60,193	54,003	50,903	226,151
Average realized gold price (\$/ounce sold)	\$1,980	\$1,913	\$1,959	\$1,869	\$1,933
Gold revenue	\$ 122.9	\$ 113.0	\$ 106.2	2\$ 91.9	\$ 434.0
Total cash costs ¹ , royalties & social contributions	(75.5)	(67.3)	(62.5)	(51.1)	(256.4)
Sustaining capital ¹ - Segovia infill exploration program	(1.3)	(1.3)	(0.3)	(8.0)	(4.6)
Sustaining capital ¹ - other	(10.0)	(7.4)	(4.1)	(7.7)	(28.3)
All in sustaining margin	36.1	37.0	39.3	32.2	144.7
Taxes paid	_	_	(52.4)	_	(52.4)
General and administration expenses	(7.5)	(3.9)	(4.1)	(2.2)	(17.8)
Change in working capital, impact of foreign exchange	(8.0)	3.2	22.9	(17.0)	1.0
Free cash flow from operations	20.6	36.3	5.7	12.9	75.4
Expansion and growth capital ¹ at:					
Marmato Upper Mine & Lower Mine	(10.6)	(14.2)	(6.8)	(4.6)	(36.1)
Segovia Operations - regional exploration program	(6.0)	(2.6)	(2.9)	(2.5)	(14.0)
Segovia Operations - other	(10.3)	(4.0)	(4.7)	(0.1)	(19.1)
Toroparu Project	(1.7)	(3.9)	(4.6)	(4.7)	(14.9)
Total expansion and growth capital	(28.6)	(24.6)	(19.0)	(11.9)	(84.2)
Free cashflow from operations after expansion capital	(8.1)	11.7	(13.4)	1.0	(8.7)
Proceeds from warrant/option exercises	0.6	0.3	1.6	0.4	3.0
Soto Norte, deferred payment to Mubadala	_	_	-	(50.0)	(50.0)
Repayment of Gold-linked Notes	(1.8)	(1.8)	(1.8)	(1.8)	(7.4)
Contributions to investments in associates	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.2)	(1.1)	(5.1)
Purchase of Denarius debentures and shares	(3.6)	-	-	(1.1)	(4.7)
Interest (paid), net of interest income	(2.0)	(12.3)	(0.2)	(17.5)	(31.9)
Net change in cash	(16.2)	(3.5)	(15.0)	(70.1)	(104.8)
Opening balance at the beginning of the period	210.8	214.3	229.3	299.5	299.5
Closing balance at the end of the period	\$ 194.6	\$ 210.8	\$\$ 214.3	3\$ 229.3	\$ 194.6

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- AISC (\$ per oz sold), EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted earning, free cash flow, cash costs and sustaining capital are non-IFRS financial measures in this document. These measures do not have any standardized meaning prescribed under IFRS, and therefore may not be comparable to other issuers. Refer to the Non-IFRS Measures section and the table titled "Quarterly and YTD Cashflow generation" below for a reconciliation of these measures to the most directly comparable financial measure disclosed in the Company's interim and audited financial statements.
- ² Partner-operating mining encompasses contractor workforce as well as the acquisition of mill-feed from artisanal and small-scale miner units.

Aris Mining's audited consolidated financial statements for three month and years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 and related MD&A (together, the Annual Filings) are available on SEDAR+, and the Annual Filings and Aris Mining's annual report on Form 40-F for the year ended December 31, 2023 are available in the Company's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) and in the Financials section of Aris Mining's website here. Hard copies of the audited financial statements are available free of charge by written request to info@aris-mining.com.

FY2023 Conference Call Details

Management will host a conference call on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 11:00 am ET/8:00 am PT to discuss the results and outlook for 2024. The call will be webcast and can be accessed at Aris Mining's website at www.aris-mining.com, or at https://services.choruscall.ca/links/arismining2023q4.html

To join the conference via telephone dial:

Toll-free North America: 1-866-668-0730

International: +1 604-638-5357

Participants may also choose to pre-register to join the conference call automatically, at this link. Upon registering, participants will receive a calendar invitation with dial-in details and a unique PIN, which will allow them to bypass the operator queue and connect directly to the conference.

The call will be available for playback for one week by dialing:

Toll-free in the US and Canada: +1 800.319.6413

International: +1 604.638.9010Replay access code: 0729

A replay of the event will be archived at <u>Aris Mining Corp.</u> - Investors - Events & Presentations (aris-mining.com).

About Aris Mining

Aris Mining is a gold producer in the Americas with an attractive blend of current production, exploration, and growth projects. The Company operates two mines in Colombia, the Segovia Operations and Marmato Upper Mine, known for their high-grade deposits, which produced 226,000 ounces of gold in 2023. With expansion projects in progress, Segovia and Marmato aim to produce a combined 500,000 ounces of gold in 2026. Aris Mining also operates and is 20% owner of the Soto Norte Project joint venture, where environmental licensing is advancing to develop a new underground gold, silver and copper mine. In Guyana, Aris Mining is advancing the Toroparu Project, a gold/copper project. Aris Mining is committed to pursuing acquisitions and other growth opportunities to unlock value through scale and diversification.

Additional information on Aris Mining can be found at www.aris-mining.com, www.sedarplus.ca, and on www.sec.gov.

Cautionary Language

Non-IFRS Measures

Free cash flow, cash costs (\$ per oz sold), AISC (\$ per oz sold), EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted

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(loss)/earning, sustaining capital and expenditures on growth capital are non-IFRS financial measures and non-IFRS ratios. These measures do not have any standardized meaning prescribed under IFRS, and therefore may not be comparable to other issuers. For full details on these measures and ratios refer to the "Non-IFRS Measures" section of the Company's Management's Discussion and Analysis for the three months and years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 (MD&A). The MD&A is incorporated by reference into this news release and is available on the Company's profile on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca and in its fillings with the SEC at www.sec.gov.

The tables below reconcile the non-IFRS financial measures contained in this news release for the current and comparative periods to the most directly comparable financial measure disclosed in the Company's 2023 audited consolidated financial statements.

Total cash costs

	Sego	via Operations		Total Operat	ions	
	Quar	ter ended,	Year ended,	Quarter ende	ed,	Year ende
(\$000s except per ounce amounts)	Dec 31, 202	3 Sept 30, 202	3 Dec 31, 202	3 Dec 31, 202	3 Sept 30, 202	3 Dec 31, 2
Total gold sold (ounces)	55,736	52,627	201,652	62,083	59,040	224,509
Cost of sales ¹	61,993	56,543	213,649	76,580	68,534	261,766
Less: materials and supplies provision	n (715)	-	(715)	(1,211)	(190)	(1,401)
Less: royalties ¹	(3,434)	(3,202)	(12,784)	(4,531)	(4,189)	(16,745)
Add: by-product revenue ¹	(2,297)	(3,153)	(13,081)	(2,565)	(3,514)	(14,199)
Less: other adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	77
Total cash costs	55,547	50,188	187,069	68,273	60,641	229,498
Total cash costs (\$ per oz gold sold)	997	954	928	1,100	1,027	1,022

^{1.} As presented in the interim and audited consolidated financial statements and notes for the respective periods.

All-in sustaining costs (AISC)

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	Segovia Operations			Total Operations		
	Quarter ended	d, Year	ended,	Quart	er ended,	١
(\$000s except per ounce amounts)	Dec 31, 2023	Sept 30, 202	3 Dec 31, 202	3 Dec 31, 202	3 Sept 30, 202	3 Dec
Total gold sold (ounces)	55,736	52,627	201,652	62,083	59,040	224,
Total cash costs	55,547	50,188	187,069	68,273	60,641	229,
Add: royalties ¹	3,434	3,202	12,784	4,531	4,189	16,7
Add: social programs ¹	2,501	2,249	9,573	2,653	2,434	10,1
Add: sustaining capital expenditures	8,669	6,685	25,136	11,020	8,143	30,8
Add: lease payments on sustaining capita	al 324	507	2,073	324	507	2,07
Total AISC	70,475	62,831	236,635	86,801	75,914	289,
Total AISC (\$ per oz gold sold)	1,264	1,194	1,173	1,398	1,286	1,28

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As presented in the interim and audited consolidated financial statements and notes for the respective periods.

The table below reconciles the cash cost per ounce sold and the AISC per ounce sold for ore sourced from owner-operated mines and other partner-operated mines to the totals for the consolidated Segovia Operations:

	Quarter ended [December 31, 2023	3 '	Year ended Dece	mber 31, 2023	
	Owner Operated	d Partner	Total	Owner Operated	l Partner	To
	mining ¹	Operated mining ²	Segovia	mining ¹	Operated mining ²	Se
Attributable gold sold (ounces)	31,396	24,340	55,736	113,560	88,092	20
Total cash costs (\$'000)3	27,632	27,915	55,547	88,069	99,002	18
Cash cost per ounce sold (\$/ounce)	³ \$880	\$1,147	\$997	\$776	\$1,124	\$9
All-in sustaining costs (\$'000) ³	39,781	30,694	70,475	127,232	109,405	23
AISC cost per ounce sold (\$/ounce)	³ \$1,267	\$1,261	\$1,264	\$1,120	\$1,242	\$1

Quarter ended September 30, 2023

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Owner Operated Partner

	mining ¹	Operated mining	²Se
Attributable gold sold (ounces)	30,030	22,597	52
Total cash costs (\$'000) ³	23,602	26,586	50
Cash cost per ounce sold (\$/ounce) ³	\$786	\$1,177	\$9
All-in sustaining costs (\$'000) ³	33,279	29,553	62
AISC cost per ounce sold (\$/ounce) ³	\$1,108	\$1,308	\$1

^{1.} Includes Company-operated areas within the mines, utilizing owner-managed labour.

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^{2.} Comprises contractor-operated and other small-scale mining operations within and outside of the Company's mining title that are operated by miners under contract to deliver the mill feed mined to the Company's Maria Dama plant for processing.

^{3.} Refer to the Non-IFRS Measures section for full details on cash costs (\$ per oz sold) and AISC (\$ per oz Adstition) as to mineral interests, plant and equipment

	Quarter ended,		Year ended,
(\$'000)	Dec 31, 2023	Sept 30, 2023	Dec 31, 2023
Sustaining capital			
Segovia Operations	8,669	6,685	25,136
Marmato Upper Mine	2,351	1,457	5,706
Total	11,020	8,143	30,842
Non-sustaining growth capital			
Segovia Operations	16,308	6,569	33,157
Toroparu Project	1,740	3,874	14,929
Marmato Lower Mine	9,394	8,413	27,814
Marmato Upper Mine	1,181	5,737	8,244
Juby Project	7	-	40
Total	28,630	24,594	84,184
Total Additions ¹	39,650	32,736	115,026

^{1.} As presented in the interim and audited consolidated financial statements and notes for the respective periods.

Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA) and adjusted EBITDA

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	Quarter ended,		Year ended,
(\$000s)	Dec 31, 202	3 Sept 30, 202	3 Dec 31, 2023
Earnings (loss) before tax ¹	7,963	26,156	58,826
Add back:			
Depreciation and depletion ¹	7,535	10,938	34,944
Finance income ¹	(2,580)	(3,672)	(10,783)
Interest and accretion ¹	6,772	6,757	29,156
EBITDA	19,690	40,179	112,143
Add back:			
Share-based compensation ¹	2,977	528	5,111
Revaluation of investments (Denarius) ¹	536	-	10,559
Loss from equity accounting in investee1	(3,667)	(1,062)	(59)
(Gain) loss on financial instruments ¹	13,429	(374)	13,078
Foreign exchange (gain) loss ¹	6,685	2,285	18,550
Adjusted EBITDA	39,650	41,555	159,382

^{1.} As presented in the interim and audited consolidated financial statements and notes for the respective periods.
Adjusted net earnings and adjusted net earnings per share

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	Quarter ended,		Year ended,
(\$000s except shares amount)	Dec 31, 2023	Sept 30, 2023	3 Dec 31, 2023
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	137,313,095	137,192,545	136,735,317
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	137,313,095	137,484,041	137,062,505
Net earnings (loss) ¹	(5,944)	13,833	11,419
Add back:			
Share-based compensation ¹	2,977	528	5,111
Revaluation of investments (Aris Gold/Denarius) ¹	536	-	10,559
(Income) loss from equity accounting in investee1	(3,667)	(1,062)	(59)
(Gain) loss on financial instruments ¹	13,429	(374)	13,078
Foreign exchange (gain) loss ¹	6,685	2,285	18,550
Income tax effect on adjustments	(2,221)	(796)	(6,434)
Adjusted net (loss) / earnings	11,795	14,414	52,224
Per share - basic (\$/share)	0.09	0.11	0.38

^{1.} As presented in the interim and audited consolidated financial statements and notes for the respective Formation

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