



**Management's Discussion & Analysis of  
Financial Conditions & Results of Operations**

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#### **Background**

This discussion and analysis of financial position and results of operations of Aurion Resources Ltd. (the "Company" or "Aurion") is prepared as of August 26, 2025, and should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2025, where necessary. All dollar figures included therein and in the following Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") are quoted in Canadian dollars unless otherwise indicated.

Additional information relevant to the Company's activities can be found on SEDAR at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements contained in the following MD&A constitute forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements involve a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

#### **Company Overview**

Aurion is a Canadian exploration company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange (TSX-V:AU). 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 its Flagship Risti and Launi projects, as well as advancing joint venture arrangements with Kinross Gold Corp. and B2 Gold Corp. in Finland.

Aurion was incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act (Alberta)* on April 6, 2006, and was continued into British Columbia on August 10, 2018, under the *Business Corporations Act (British Columbia)*. The Company was listed on the TSX Venture Exchange ("Exchange") on October 3, 2008. Aurion and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Aurion Resources (US) LLC, Aurion Oy and FennoEx Oy are engaged in the evaluation, acquisition and exploration of mineral properties, primarily in Finland.

#### **Six months 2025 Highlights and Significant Events:**

- January 13, 2025: Aurion announced exploration results at the Vanha prospect in the Kaaretselkä area, and other targets, on its wholly owned Risti property, including 8.08 g/t Au over 16.75 m and 3.00 g/t over 16.25 m.
  - The Company announced the results from five drill holes and two extensions totaling 1596.5 m drilled at the Vanha prospect in the Kaaretselkä area.
    - Drill hole KS24088 is located in the eastern Vanha area, collared 200 m southeast of previously announced drill hole KS22027, drilled to the north. The hole intersected several mineralized intervals including 3.33 g/t Au over 2.70 m from 216.00 m, 3.07 g/t Au over 1.40 m from 232.00 m and 0.36 g/t Au over 6.00 m from 344.80 m. Other samples with elevated gold ( $\geq 0.1$  g/t) were also encountered. The intercepts of 3.33 g/t Au over 2.70 m from 216.00 m and 3.07 g/t Au over 1.40 m from 232.00 m are interpreted to extend the mineralized system deeper and to the east in the eastern part of the Vanha Main trend.
    - Drill hole KS24089 is located in the western Vanha area, collared 25 m southeast of previously announced drill hole KS24079, drilled to the southwest and targeted potential mineralization east of KS24079. KS24089 intersected several mineralized

- intervals including 0.42 g/t Au over 2.25 m from 176.35 m and 1.20 g/t Au over 0.60 m from 200.85 m. Other samples with elevated gold ( $\geq 0.1$  g/t) were also encountered.
- Drill hole KS24090 is located in the eastern Vanha area, collared 225 m northwest of KS24088, drilled to the south. KS24090 intersected several mineralized intervals including 0.32 g/t Au over 5.85 m from 129.75 m and 1.13 g/t Au over 1.55 m from 183.80 m. Other samples with elevated gold ( $\geq 0.1$  g/t) were also encountered.
  - Drill hole KS24091 is located in the eastern Vanha area, collared 55 m northeast of KS24090, drilled to the south. KS24091 intersected several mineralized intervals such as 8.08 g/t Au over 6.75 m from 186.95 m including 16.03 g/t Au over 2.85 m from 188.15 m. Other samples with elevated gold ( $\geq 0.1$  g/t) were also encountered. The intercept of 8.08 g/t Au over 6.75 m from 186.95 m is interpreted to extend the mineralized system deeper and to the east in the eastern part of the Vanha Main trend.
  - Drill hole KS24092 is located in the eastern Vanha area, collared 62 m north of KS20003, drilled to the south and targeted the potential depth extension of mineralization intersected in KS20003 (1.47 g/t Au over 4.00 m from 45.75 m). KS24092 intersected several mineralized intervals such as 3.00 g/t Au over 16.25 m from 135.75 m including 7.51 g/t Au over 4.90 m from 144.95 m. This intercept is interpreted to extend the mineralized system deeper and to the east in the eastern part of the Vanha Main trend as well as extending the mineralization in KS20003 approximately 75 m deeper.
  - Previous drill holes, KS23062 and KS24080, located in the western Vanha area, were extended to further test geological features and potential mineralization. Each hole intersected one mineralized interval and one other sample with elevated gold ( $\geq 0.1$  g/t).
- A total of six scout drill holes, totaling 1,340.50 m, were drilled in the western part (“Heinä area”) of the Risti property (Figure 1) to test interpreted geological, geochemical and geophysical features with an aim to provide information on the geological setting in selected areas.
    - Scout hole HE24014 is located in the northwest corner of the Risti property and drilled to the north-northwest. HE24014 intersected a mineralized interval of 0.26 g/t Au over 2.45 m from 84.35 m along with several other samples with elevated gold ( $\geq 0.1$  g/t). The mineralization is mainly hosted within altered sandstone.
    - Scout hole HE24015 is located in the northwest corner of the Risti property, collared 220 m west of HE24014, and drilled to the north-northwest. HE24015 intersected several mineralized intervals including 3.33 g/t Au over 1.55 m from 235.60 m. One other sample with elevated gold ( $\geq 0.1$  g/t) was also encountered. The mineralization is hosted within altered sandstone.
    - Scout hole HE24016 is located in the northwest corner of the Risti property, collared on section with HE24014, and drilled to the north-northwest. HE24016 intersected a mineralized interval of 0.44 g/t Au over 8.00 m from 115.00 m hosted within altered sandstone.
    - Scout holes HE24017, HE24018 and HE24019 are located in the southwest corner of the Risti property. HE24019 intersected one sample with elevated gold ( $\geq 0.1$  g/t)
  - During 2024 a total of 37 test pits were excavated in the western part of the Risti property. The pits were dug with an excavator and reached a maximum depth of 6 m. One or more samples, comprising either till, boulders or bedrock were collected from each pit at the geologist’s discretion depending on the material encountered.
    - Knelson gold grain counts ranged between 10 and 950 grains with three samples having  $\geq 100$  gold grains and 16 samples having  $\geq 50$  gold grains. The shape of the observed gold grains is mostly angular or subangular indicating local or nearby sources for the gold grains.

- Many of the samples with elevated gold grain count values occur along or in the vicinity of interpreted structural features. This indicates the potential existence for structurally controlled gold mineralization in previously untested areas, for example between the Kaaresselkä area (Aurion 100%) and the Vuoma discovery (Aurion-B2Gold JV) along the interpreted structural corridor in the southern part of the Risti property.
- February 24, 2025: Aurion announced exploration results from six drill holes in the Kaaresselkä area, on its wholly owned Risti property, highlighted by an intersect of 7.92 g/t Au over 13.60 m.
  - The Company announced results from six drill holes at the Kaaresselkä area totaling 959.40 m. Three holes (489.00 m) were drilled at the Vanha prospect and all holes intersected gold mineralization associated with broad zones of strongly deformed and hydrothermally altered rocks. The gold mineralized system at Vanha is interpreted to extend over 850 m along strike and to at least 200 m depth. The gold mineralization is open in multiple directions. Three scout holes, totaling 461.40 m, were drilled in the Kaaresselkä area. Gold mineralization was encountered 800 m west-southwest from the Vanha prospect. Scout drill holes, which intersected gold 1.8 km to the west and 600 m to the east of the Vanha prospect (press release Nov 13, 2023), highlight the potential for an extensive gold mineralized system in the Kaaresselkä area.
    - Drill hole KS25096 is located in the eastern Vanha area, collared 41 m west of KS24092, drilled to the south and targeted potential mineralization between holes KS24092 (2.96 g/t Au over 16.25 m from 135.75 m) and KS24088 (3.33 g/t Au over 2.70 m from 216.00 m). KS25096 intersected several mineralized intervals including 2.94 g/t Au over 1.50 m from 128.50 m and 1.58 g/t Au over 0.70 m from 157.10 m.
    - Drill hole KS25097 is located in the eastern Vanha area, collared 40 m east of KS24092. KS25097 intersected two mineralized intervals including 7.92 g/t Au over 13.60 m from 162.10 m including 57.60 g/t Au over 1.00 m from 168.35 m. Multiple gold grains were observed within the mineralized interval. This intercept is interpreted to extend the mineralized system deeper and to the east in the eastern part of the Vanha Main trend. Other samples with elevated gold ( $\geq 0.1$  g/t) were also encountered.
    - Drill hole KS25098 is located in the eastern Vanha area, collared 82 m south of KS24091, drilled to the south and targeted the potential up-dip extension of mineralization intersected in KS24091 (8.08 g/t Au over 6.75 m from 186.95 m). KS25098 intersected a mineralized interval of 0.27 g/t Au over 0.95 m from 57.70 m. Other samples with elevated gold ( $\geq 0.1$  g/t) were also encountered.
    - Scout hole KS24093 is collared 390 m east of KS24092, drilled to the south and targeted the interpreted domain boundary and a geophysical feature. The hole intersected an interval with elevated gold of 0.22 g/t Au over 2.00 m from 63.75 m hosted by mafic volcanics in the area of the interpreted domain boundary.
    - Scout hole KS24094 is collared 285 m southeast of KS24093, drilled to the southwest and targeted copper and gold in till geochemical anomalies. The hole intersected an interval of 0.15 g/t Au plus 0.18% Cu over 2.75 m from 146.80 m hosted by mafic volcanics.
    - Scout hole KS24095 is located approximately 800 m to the west-southwest of Vanha and approximately 270 m west-southwest of the Lampi prospect, drilled to the southeast and targeted a geophysical feature. The hole intersected a mineralized interval of 0.63 g/t Au over 12.05 m from 105.05 m including 1.34 g/t Au over 2.65 m from 114.45 m. The mineralization is hosted by conglomerate, sandstone and breccia with associated arsenopyrite mineralization. This intercept is interpreted to be a new zone of gold mineralization in the Kaare area. Due to drilling difficulties, the hole was abandoned before reaching target depth.

- March 19, 2025: The Company announced that it had signed a definitive agreement with KoBold Exploration Finland Oy (“KoBold”), a wholly owned subsidiary of KoBold Metals Company, granting KoBold the right to earn an undivided 75% interest in an area covering approximately 35 km<sup>2</sup> in the eastern portion of Aurion’s 100% owned 160 km<sup>2</sup> Risti Property (“the Project Area”). Key terms were as follows:
  - Earn-in: KoBold can earn an undivided 75% interest in commodities discovered in the Project Area (other than any discoveries that are predominantly gold or silver) by incurring USD\$12,000,000 in exploration expenditures on or before the fifth anniversary of the date of signing the agreement, and KoBold commits to a USD\$1,000,000 minimum exploration expenditure within 18 months.
  - Joint venture: Following satisfaction by KoBold of the earn-in requirements, a joint venture will be established with KoBold owning 75% and Aurion 25%.
  - Net smelter returns royalty: In case an ownership interest in the joint venture is diluted to below 10%, the ownership interest will be converted to a 2% Net Smelter Returns Royalty.
  - Aurion retained full ownership rights over areas within the Project Area where the predominant mineral in a discovery is gold or silver and has the right to continue exploration activities in the Project Area during the earn-in phase and the joint venture phase as long as it holds an ownership interest.
- June 3, 2025: Aurion reported results for mineralogical and metallurgical test work on two samples from the Vanha prospect (Kaaresselkä) and two samples from the Aamurusko prospect, located within the wholly owned Risti property in the Central Lapland Greenstone Belt in northern Finland.
  - The initial mineralogical and metallurgical test work on two samples from the Vanha prospect (Kaaresselkä) and two samples from the Aamurusko prospect, both located within the Risti property, provide valuable information on chemistry, mineralogy and leaching performance of the gold mineralization. The results, with gold recoveries of 93.6-99.9%, from the initial test work on the Risti samples confirm the presence of predominantly free-milling gold with favorable mineralogical and metallurgical characteristics for efficient processing using industry standard methods. The test work was performed at the Metso Research Center in Finland and SGS in South Africa.
  - Kaaresselkä (Vanha prospect) samples, bottle roll cyanidation leaching test work
    - Sample 1 (KS22029), sample grade 4.39 g/t Au, gold recoveries 93.6-95.6%
    - Sample 2 (KS23071), sample grade 6.76 g/t Au, gold recoveries 94.5-96.1%
  - Aamurusko samples, bottle roll cyanidation leaching test work
    - Sample 1 (AM19106), sample grade 2.03 g/t Au, gold recoveries 94.2-97.8%
    - Sample 2 (AM19113), sample grade 15.24 g/t Au, gold recovery 99.9%
  - All samples demonstrate high recoveries confirming predominantly free-milling gold mineralization amenable to industry standard processing methods
    - Favorable liberation of gold grains at P80 75 µm grind size
  - Drilling is ongoing at the Kaaresselkä area, on the wholly owned Risti property.
- June 26, 2025: The Company announced results for seven holes drilled, including 1.71 g/t over 22.00 m at the Kaaresselkä area of the wholly owned Risti property, located in the Central Lapland Greenstone Belt in northern Finland. Highlights included:
  - The mineralized system was extended by approximately 100 m to 950 m along strike at the Vanha prospect (Kaaresselkä area)
    - Drill hole KS25099, located in the eastern Vanha, area, was collared 42 m east of previously released drill hole KS25097, drilled to the south and targeted potential mineralization east of hole KS25097 (7.92 g/t Au over 13.60 m from 162.10 m). KS25099 intersected several mineralized intervals including 1.09 g/t Au over 2.30 m from 67.70 m and 1.71 g/t Au over 22.00 m from 126.20 m.

- Drill hole KS25102 is located in the western Vanha area, collared 42 m east of the previously released KS24080/81 profile, drilled to the south and targeted the potential eastern extension of mineralization intersected in KS24081 (2.98 g/t Au over 9.00 m from 85.30 m including 22.50 g/t Au over 0.90 m from 87.30 m). KS25102 intersected 1.33 g/t Au over 9.30 m from 57.15 m including 12.55 g/t Au over 0.85 m from 63.80 m. Other samples with elevated gold ( $\geq 0.1$  g/t) were also encountered.
    - All six holes at the Vanha prospect intersected gold mineralization.
    - The mineralized system extends 950 m along strike and to 200 m depth and is open in multiple directions.
  - New mineralized zone confirmed 800 m west-southwest from the Vanha prospect:
    - Scout hole KS25101 is located approximately 800 m to the west-southwest of Vanha and approximately 270 m west-southwest of the Lampi prospect. The hole was collared 58 m in front of previously released KS24095, drilled to the southeast and targeted the potential up-dip extension of mineralization intersected in KS24095 (0.63 g/t Au over 12.05 m from 105.05 m including 1.34 g/t Au over 2.65 m from 114.45 m).
    - The hole intersected a mineralized interval of 1.06 g/t Au over 15.35 m from 59.00 m including 3.96 g/t Au over 2.80 m from 65.40 m. Other samples with elevated gold ( $\geq 0.1$  g/t) were also encountered.
    - The mineralization is hosted by sandstone with associated sulphide minerals including pyrite and arsenopyrite. This intercept is interpreted to confirm the existence of a new zone of gold mineralization in the Kaares area, 1.06 g/t Au over 15.35 m from 59.00 m (KS25101). The mineralized zone is open in multiple directions.
  - Further results are pending with exploration activities ongoing.
    - Drill holes have targeted the potential strike and depth extensions of the mineralized system.
- August 11, 2025: Subsequent to the end of the period, Aurion announced drilling results, including 4.42 g/t over 32.55 m at the Kaaresselkä area of the wholly owned Risti property, located in the Central Lapland Greenstone Belt in northern Finland. Highlights included:
  - Results for ten holes, totaling 2,031.60 m were drilled at the Vanha prospect in the Kaaresselkä area located in the southern part of Aurion's 100% owned Risti property.
  - The recent results are interpreted to extend the Vanha mineralized system by 100 m to 1,050 m along strike and to 250 m depth.
  - Drill hole KS25111 is located in the eastern Vanha area, collared 40 m north of previously announced KS25097, drilled to the south and targeted the potential down-dip extension of mineralization intersected in KS25097 (7.92 g/t Au over 13.60 m from 162.10 m). KS25111 intersected mineralized intervals of:
    - 0.35 g/t Au over 1.75 m from 191.00 m
    - 4.42 g/t Au over 32.55 m from 267.80 m
      - including 72.80 g/t Au over 1.00 m from 272.00 m;
      - and 4.29 g/t Au over 4.45 m from 308.55 m.
    - Other samples with elevated gold ( $\geq 0.1$  g/t) were also encountered.
    - Visible gold grains were observed in several sample intervals.
    - The mineralized intercept of 4.42 g/t Au over 32.55 m is interpreted to be 100 m below the intercept in KS25097.
  - Drill hole KS25108 is located in the eastern Vanha area, collared 40 m south of previously announced KS25097, drilled to the south and targeted the potential up-dip extension of mineralization intersected in KS25097 (7.92 g/t Au over 13.60 m from 162.10 m).

- KS25108 intersected mineralized intervals of 2.15 g/t Au over 2.25 m from 49.20 m and 4.69 g/t Au over 3.00 m from 68.75 m including 13.70 g/t Au over 1.00 m from 70.75 m.
    - Other samples with elevated gold ( $\geq 0.1$  g/t) were also encountered.
    - The mineralized intercept of 4.69 g/t Au over 3.00 m from 68.75 m is interpreted to be 90 m above the intercept in KS25097.
  - The mineralized system remains open along strike and at depth. All holes intersected broad zones of strongly deformed and hydrothermally altered rocks associated with gold mineralization.
- August 26, 2025: Subsequent to the end of the period, Aurion announced a \$9.3 million Strategic Investment.
  - The Company announced a non-brokered private placement (the “Offering”) with a strategic investor (the “Strategic Investor”) that is expected to result in the Strategic Investor holding, after giving effect to the Offering, approximately 6.88% of the issued and outstanding common shares of Aurion on a non-diluted basis and approximately 9.98% on a partially diluted basis.
  - The Strategic Investor agreed to subscribe for 11,060,000 units (the “Units”) of the Company for total consideration of \$9,290,400 at a price of \$0.84 per Unit.
    - Each Unit is comprised of one common share of Aurion (a “Common Share”) and one-half of one common share purchase warrant of Aurion (each whole common share purchase warrant, a “Warrant”). Each Warrant entitles the holder to acquire one Common Share at a price of \$1.08 for a period of three years following the closing date of the Offering, subject to acceleration in certain circumstances.
  - Concurrently with the closing of the Offering, the Strategic Investor and Aurion will enter into an investor rights agreement, pursuant to which the Strategic Investor will be granted certain rights, provided the Strategic Investor maintains certain ownership thresholds in the Company, including:
    - (i) the right to participate in future equity financings and top-up its holdings in the event of dilutive issuances in order to maintain its pro rata ownership in the Company at the time of such financing or acquire up to a 9.99% ownership interest, on a partially diluted basis, in the Company; and
    - (ii) the right (which the Strategic Investor has no present intention of exercising) to nominate one person (and in the case of an increase in the size of the board of directors of Aurion to eight or more directors, two persons) to the board of directors of Aurion.
  - The Offering is scheduled to close on or around September 3, 2025.

## **Mineral Exploration Properties**

### **Finland**

The Company began operating in Finland in early 2014 and currently holds or has interest in tenements covering part of the Central Lapland Greenstone Belt (“CLGB”) of the Fennoscandian Shield – including the Company’s flagship **Risti** property, which hosts a number of recent discoveries by Aurion including the **Aamurusko** high-grade discovery.

Aurion’s land holdings are located approximately 850 km north of the Finnish capital of Helsinki and occur entirely north of the Arctic Circle. Access to all the properties is very good, with forestry roads extending from paved highways to the otherwise forested and undeveloped property areas. Topography is low and characterized by rolling hills with relief of less than 150 m. There are daily flights from Helsinki to nearby airports in the towns of Kittilä and Rovaniemi. Aurion’s field base is in the town of Sodankylä, which is located approximately 30-minute drive from the main properties. Finland has been consistently ranked among the top jurisdictions for mining investments by the Fraser Institute’s annual surveys.

The CLGB is considered highly prospective for the existence of gold and base metal mineralization. The region hosts Europe’s largest gold mine, the Kittilä Gold Mine owned by Agnico-Eagle Limited, Boliden’s Kevitsa Ni-Cu-PGE mine and Anglo American’s Sakatti Ni-Cu-PGE discovery. In addition, a large number of gold and other metal prospects occur close to the major structural zones such as the Sirkka Shear Zone, which is a major, crustal scale, thrust fault system extending over 120 km in strike length. Aurion has interest in land positions covering approximately 80 km of the Sirkka Shear Zone.

The CLGB has seen a very limited amount of exploration compared to similar types of greenstone belts such as Abitibi and Norseman-Wiluna. The main reason for the lack of exploration activities is that exploration and mining was limited to local, state-controlled entities until 1995 when Finland joined the European Union. The majority of historic exploration and mining focused on base metals; gold indications were typically archived and not followed up. The prospectivity of this under-explored region has been demonstrated by over 20 new gold discoveries by Aurion and its neighbors since 2016.

#### ***Summary of Finland Properties Not Subject to Partnership Agreements:***

<b>Property</b>	<b>Area (~km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Prospect</b>
Risti	175	A2, Aamurusko, Kaaresselkä, Notches, Sukuvaara, Tikka, YNOT
Launi	21	
Sila	60	
Naakena	13	Naakenavaara
Venejoki	66	
Savu	132	Auermavaara, Kaulus

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<b>Property</b>	<b>Area (~km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Prospect</b>
B2Gold JV	293	Ahvenjärvi, Helmi, Hirvilavanmaa, Kettukuusikko, Kiekerömaa, Kutuvuoma, Kutuvuoma East, Palovaara, Sinermä, Soretialehto, Soretiavuoma, Tuongankuusikko, Vuoma
Kinross Option Launi East	46	Bonanza, Christmas Deformation Zone, Hinge Zone, Lakijänkä, Midsommer, Stublely



## **Finland Properties Not Subject to Partnership Agreements:**

### **RISTI PROPERTY**

Aurion's wholly owned Risti Property covers approximately 175 km<sup>2</sup> in the CLGB in northern Finland. The Risti Property is located 20 km NNW of Sodankylä and is accessible via paved and all-weather gravel roads through rolling hills and forests.

Aurion has made multiple gold discoveries since the commencement of exploration activities in 2015. Significant new gold discoveries at Risti include: Aamurusko Main, Aamurusko NW, Notches, YNOT, A2 and Tikka. The property also hosts the Kaaresselkä prospect discovered in the 1980s by the Geological Survey of Finland. Aurion's pipeline of gold prospects at Risti are each at a different stage in the exploration process.

The geological setting of the Risti Property has many similarities to prolific gold-rich orogenic gold belts globally, such as the Timmins camp of the Abitibi region of Northern Ontario, Canada. The Aamurusko zone appears to be underlain by young unconformable clastic rocks (sandstones and conglomerates) of the Kumpu group. The Kumpu group conglomerates resemble the Timiskaming conglomerates of the Timmins and Kirkland Lake area of the Abitibi and occur in a similar geo-tectonic setting (both represent the youngest stratigraphic sequence within their respective belts). The Kumpu group and the Timiskaming group were deposited in late orogenic extensional basins. They form in relation to major movement along regional faults or deformation zones. In the Abitibi province, many high-grade, multi-million-ounce gold deposits are temporally and spatially associated with the Timiskaming conglomerates (or their equivalents) in close proximity to major regional deformation (fault) zones such as the Porcupine-Destor or Cadillac Lake-Larder Lake deformation zones. The Kumpu group appears to have been deposited in a similar geological setting adjacent to the Sirkka Shear Zone, the crustal scale deformation zone in the CLGB. Strong alteration including fuchsite, tourmaline, iron carbonate and albite associated with quartz veining and gold mineralization is seen along the entire length (>100 km) of this structure.

Gold is hosted by various lithologies including clastic sediments (examples: Aamurusko, Notches) and mafic-ultramafic rocks (examples: Ikkari, Kutuvuoma, Kaaresselkä) within the Risti Property and adjoining areas. The abundance and scale of gold mineralization along several structures over significant strike lengths and the fact that gold is hosted by various lithologies point to a conclusion that a powerful hydrothermal system has led to the camp scale footprint of gold mineralization.

The majority of the Risti Property had not been explored prior to Aurion. Aurion's exploration activities started in 2015 with prospecting and mapping, which led to the initial discovery of high-grade boulders in the Aamurusko area in 2016. Further activities have included detailed and regional prospecting, geological mapping, trenching, ground and drone geophysics, soil sampling, base of till sampling and diamond core drilling.

Approximately 6,200 boulder, sub-crop and outcrop samples collected and assayed from the Risti Property average 6.7 g/t Au. The surface sampling has identified extensive footprints of gold mineralized samples in several areas including the Aamurusko and Notches prospects. The prospecting and mapping programs have mainly focused on domains with silica rich sediments, e.g. conglomerates, because such lithologies are comparably resistant to weathering and can be observed on surface in several areas. As such, sampling is mainly from gold mineralization hosted by clastic sediments. Mafic and ultramafic lithologies are less resistant to weathering and typically these areas are low lying and covered by overburden. Identification of this type of mineralization requires overburden penetrative exploration methods such as base of till sampling.

Exploration activities and results on various prospects are presented in the following paragraphs. Drill results presented herein are core lengths and may not represent true width. Channel sample results are surface

channel cuts that also may not represent true width. Gold assay values are uncut. Prospecting grab samples may be selective and not representative of overall grade.

### **Aamurusko Prospect**

The Aamurusko prospect is located near the center of the Risti Property. A total of 1,210 samples with an average grade of 24.9 g/t Au have been collected from an area measuring 1.7 km by 1.3 km. The samples are predominantly from large and angular quartz (with or without tourmaline and/or Fe-Oxide) blocks with many samples containing coarse visible gold. The quartz vein blocks range from 0.1 m to >3 m wide, trend NE-SW and are hosted by quartzites and polymictic conglomerates of the Kumpu Group and mafic volcanics of the Sodankylä Group. The conglomerates are interpreted to be unconformably in contact with the mafic volcanics.

The initial prospecting and mapping campaign was followed by further field activities including the maiden drilling program in 2017. Since then, a total of 145 holes and 28,410 m of drilling has been completed in the Aamurusko area at various targets including Main, NW and Gap Zone.

At *Aamurusko Main*, gold mineralization intersected at shallow depths (40-60 m vertically from surface) expands known mineralization in an area that is now estimated to be 100 m long in an east-west orientation with a sub-vertical distance of 150 m. Multiple high-grade (anything greater than 10 g/t Au is considered high-grade) intercepts occur in this area including a very high-grade intercept of 789 g/t Au over 2.90 m. While true widths are unknown at this time, the ability to successfully target and intercept gold mineralization with drill step outs both vertically and horizontally suggests that the mineralization appears to form part of a coherent body or shoot. The mineralization lies proximal to the faulted/sheared contact between a gabbro intrusive and sedimentary rocks. Mineralization remains open at depth and along strike.

Drilling at Aamurusko Main has been focused over an east-west distance of approximately 250 m at the eastern extent of the boulder field. This suggests that the mineralization encountered there is only one source of the many high-grade boulders at Aamurusko. Gold mineralization was also intersected in 500 and 800 m step out drill holes to the west-northwest providing further evidence that additional near surface gold mineralization may exist in the same geological/structural setting west of Aamurusko Main.

Drilling highlights from Aamurusko Main:

- 789.06 g/t Au over 2.90 m (including 3510.00 g/t Au over 0.65 m) from 116.10 m (Drill hole AM18042)
- 42.28 g/t Au over 4.00 m from 40.00 m (Drill hole AM19082)
- 24.50 g/t Au over 4.75 m from 48.80 m (Drill hole AM19081)
- 22.63 g/t Au over 3.53 m (including 52.30 g/t Au over 1.4 m) from 44.47 m (Drill hole AM19114)
- 18.47 g/t Au over 2.76 m (including 93.70 g/t Au over 0.51 m) from 43.94 m (Drill hole AM19113)

Drilling 235 m east of Aamurusko Main also returned significant drill intercepts:

- 9.62 g/t Au over 1.74 m from 26.30 m (Drill hole AM18035)
- 8.74 g/t Au over 1.55 m from 36.65 m (Drill hole AM18035)
- 12.45 g/t Au over 5.20 m (including 66.70 g/t Au over 0.50 m and 54.30 g/t Au over 0.49 m) from 53.50 m (Drill hole AM18035)

*Aamurusko NW* is approximately 600 m northwest of Aamurusko Main target. This target consists of a 10-30 m wide zone of gold-bearing quartz veins within altered and mineralized clastic sedimentary rocks. Drilling has delineated Aamurusko NW to 300 m vertical depth and the mineralization is open to extensions. Drilling has identified new zones of gold mineralization 200 m north of Aamurusko NW along and on the northern side of a previously untested fault structure.

Drilling highlights from Aamurusko NW:

- 13.31 g/t Au over 19.54 m (including 22.58 g/t Au over 8.18 m) from 77.64 m (Drill hole AM19095)
- 3.51 g/t Au over 31.12 m from 55.88 m (Drill hole AM19094)
- 6.84 g/t Au over 19.00 m (including 16.36 g/t Au over 7.3 m) from 83.80 m (Drill hole AM19109)
- 23.41 g/t Au over 11.10 m (including 51.95 g/t Au over 4.15 m) from 133.00 m (Drill hole AM19106)
- 16.17 g/t Au over 4.00 m (including 109.00 g/t Au over 0.58 m) from 97.10 m (Drill hole AM19105)
- 1.21 g/t Au over 24.75 m (including 5.79 g/t Au over 2.95 m and 8.90 g/t Au over 1.00 m and 5.34 g/t Au over 1.00 m) from 358.25 m (Drill hole AM20127)
- 2.39 g/t Au over 3.70 m from 288.00 m (Drill hole AM20127)

**Aamurusko Gap** covers the approximately 600 m long “gap” between the Aamurusko NW and Aamurusko Main targets. Mapping has identified fault structures and a widespread quartz stockwork extending 300 m by 100 m. Drilling has intersected several zones of gold mineralization.

Drilling highlights from Aamurusko Gap:

- 4.64 g/t Au over 3.10 m (including 37.30 g/t Au over 0.35 m) from 19.25 m (Drill hole AM19117)
- 1.55 g/t Au over 3.45 m (including 9.21 g/t Au over 0.35 m) from 59.70 m (Drill hole AM19117)
- 0.55 g/t Au over 8.65 m from 63.25 m (Drill hole AM19118)
- 1.69 g/t Au over 7.75 m (including 18.40 g/t Au over 0.55 m) from 96.05 m (Drill hole AM19119)
- 1.51 g/t Au over 3.35 m from 35.85 m (Drill hole AM20128)

### **Notches Prospect**

The Notches prospect is a 5 km long and 1 km wide, northwest-southeast trending outcrop ridge located 3 km to the southeast of Aamurusko. Prospecting led to multiple gold showings in quartz sub-outcrop. The Notches area is host to an interbedded sequence of mature siliceous sandstones and conglomerates with late cross-cutting mafic to ultramafic and lamprophyre dykes. The southwestern contact is hosted by a suite of mafic to ultramafic volcanic and intrusive rocks and mafic conglomerates but is not well constrained due to lack of exposure. The northeastern contact is possibly intrusion/fault related with an unconformable suite of ultramafic rocks.

2,650 grab samples with an average grade of 2.2 g/t Au have been collected from boulders, sub-crops and outcrops. In addition to prospecting and mapping, trenching and limited diamond drilling has been completed at Notches.

In the area of trench NOT1817 gold mineralization is hosted within a 5-10 m wide conglomerate unit with 1-15 % disseminated sulphides (pyrite-pyrrhotite-chalcopyrite-galena and locally visible gold) and altered by silica, hematite, iron oxide and carbonate. The conglomerate is also cross-cut by flat and steep gold-bearing quartz veins.

Channel sampling highlights from Notches:

- 3.20 g/t Au over 4.40 m including 8.94 g/t Au over 0.87 m (Trench NOT1817)
- 3.54 g/t Au over 0.60 m (Trench NOT1817)
- 109.50 g/t Au over 0.25 m (Trench NOT1803)
- 20.30 g/t Au over 0.31 m (Trench NOT1803)
- 7.03 g/t Au over 0.93 m (Trench NOT1814)

Drilling highlights from Notches:

- 2.99 g/t Au over 2.10 m from 31.40 m (Drill hole NT18005)
- 20.30 g/t Au over 0.65 m from 27.40 m (Drill hole NT18006)

### **Kaaresselkä Prospect**

The Kaaresselkä prospect is located approximately 4 km south-southwest of Aamurusko. The gold-copper mineralization was discovered by the Geological Survey of Finland (GTK) in 1987. No exploration had been conducted since 2005 until the acquisition by Aurion.

Aurion acquired the Kaaresselkä and Kiekerömaa gold prospects from Tertiary Minerals Plc (“Tertiary”) in 2016. The Company paid £15,000 in cash and issued 83,072 shares to Tertiary for 100% interest in both projects subject to certain royalties, including a Pre-Production Royalty of US\$1.00 to \$3.00/ounce gold following the definition of a NI 43-101 (or equivalent) Code compliant Inferred, Indicated and/or Measured Mineral Resource Estimate respectively, on either project. Tertiary will retain a 2% Net Smelter Returns Royalty (“NSR”) on all future gold production from either property, of which the Company can purchase 50% for USD\$1,000,000 at any time prior to commencement of commercial production on either project.

On August 8, 2022, the Company announced that it has agreed with Tertiary to acquire and cancel royalties on the Kaaresselkä (Risti, 100% Aurion) and Kiekerömaa (B2Gold JV) gold prospects for a total consideration of CAD\$200,000 and 83,333 Aurion common shares (August 8, 2022, press release).

On October 7, 2022, the Company announced that it had closed the royalty repurchase agreement with Tertiary on the Kaaresselkä and Kiekerömaa gold prospects. On closing of the agreements, Aurion issued 83,333 common shares (the “Consideration Shares”) and paid CAD\$75,000 in cash to Tertiary with respect to the Kaaresselkä Property, and the B2Gold JV paid \$125,000 cash with respect to the Kiekerömaa Property. The Consideration Shares will be subject to a statutory four month and one day hold period from August 24, 2022, the date of issue of the Consideration Shares (October 7, 2022, press release).

The gold mineralized system at Vanha (part of the Kaaresselkä area) is interpreted to extend over 800 m along strike and to at least 200 m depth. The gold mineralization is open along strike and at depth. Scout drill holes, which intersected gold 1.8 km to the west and 600 m to the east of the Vanha prospect, highlight the potential for an extensive gold mineralized system in the Kaaresselkä area.

The gold mineralization is mainly hosted by highly deformed and altered (silica, sericite, albite) mafic volcanic and metasedimentary rocks with minor to moderate amounts of fine-grained sulphide minerals including pyrite, pyrrhotite, chalcopyrite, galena, sphalerite and arsenopyrite in varying quantities. The higher-grade intervals are mainly hosted within silicified and brecciated zones with a moderate amount of sulphides. Elevated levels of base metals, including copper, were encountered in several holes.

There are 127 historical drill holes (GTK drilled 112 and Tertiary Minerals drilled 15) totaling 8,900 m including 7 RC drill holes and 120 diamond drill holes. Historical drilling was shallow with gaps along the strike of the mineralized zones.

Activities by Aurion have included diamond core drilling, re-logging of historical drill holes, oriented core measurements, a detailed ground magnetic survey, whole rock geochemistry, GIS compilation and integration of data into 3D modelling software. This work has allowed for a reinterpretation of the geology and a better understanding of the property’s potential.

Drilling highlights from Kaaresselkä:

- 4.42 g/t Au over 32.55 m from 267.80 m, including 72.80 g/t Au over 1.00 m from 272.00 m (KS25111)
- 2.38 g/t Au over 56.55 m from 95.75 m (KS22027)

- 7.92 g/t Au over 13.60 m from 162.10 m, including 57.60 g/t Au over 1.00 m from 168.35 m (KS25097)
- 31.90 g/t Au over 3.10 m from 20.10 m (KS24079)
- 72.40 g/t Au over 0.85 m from 137.00 m (KS23041)
- 8.08 g/t Au over 6.75 m from 186.95 m (KS24091)
- 2.96 g/t Au over 16.25 m from 135.75 m (KS24092)
- 3.63 g/t Au over 11.35 m from 94.55 m (KS23071)
- 1.71 g/t Au over 22.00 m from 126.20 m (KS25099)
- 8.11 g/t Au over 4.30 m from 59.00 m (KS23034)

### **YNOT Prospect**

The YNOT prospect is located approximately 3.5 km west-northwest of Aamurusko. The discovery of high-grade boulders was followed by excavation of six trenches. An east-west trending quartz vein system hosted by moderate to strong iron carbonate alteration up to 10 m wide was identified in five of six trenches. Grab samples range up to 705.00 g/t Au.

Channel sampling highlights from YNOT:

- 7.18 g/t Au over 1.52 m (Trench WNT18001)
- 17.55 g/t Au over 0.60 m (Trench WNT18001)

During 2021 three scout diamond core drill holes totalling 247.40 m were drilled at the YNOT prospect. All three holes intersected zones of elevated gold grades (>0.1 g/t Au) up to 1.22 g/t Au over 0.85 m within variably altered and quartz veined sandstones.

### **A2 Prospect**

The A2 prospect is located approximately 2 km north of Aamurusko. Fifty-two rock samples were collected from quartz veins, quartz stockworks, breccias and tension vein arrays, occurring in outcrop, sub-outcrop and angular boulders along a 1.1 km long arcuate structure. These selective grab samples returned assays from nil to 697.0 g/t Au (average 59.6 g/t Au).

Eleven drill holes in 2018 tested a strike length of 450 m targeting gold mineralization in quartz veins hosted by altered clastic sediments at the A2 prospect. The most significant drill intercept at A2 was 22.00 g/t Au over 0.45 m from 38.45 m (Drill hole AM18041). Current drilling has not yet explained prospecting discoveries at A2.

### **Tikka Prospect**

The Tikka prospect is located approximately 4 to 5 km north-northwest of Aamurusko. Limited prospecting has identified gold-bearing quartz blocks over a distance greater than 1.8 km. 133 rock samples from angular boulders and sub-outcrop assayed up to 108.5 g/t Au with an average of 1.94 g/t Au.

### **Sukuvaara Prospect**

The Sukuvaara prospect is located approximately 1.5 km southeast from the Notches prospect. An envelope of alteration and quartz veining within sandstone was identified during 2020 field activities. Trenching (total length of 150 m) and four drill holes confirmed the existence of altered and quartz veined sandstone units and returned several zones with elevated gold up to 1.14 g/t Au.

### **Exploration activities**

During the six-month period ended June 30, 2025, the Company carried out diamond drilling within the Risti Property for a total of 7,703.70 m in forty-five holes along with limited mapping/prospecting, heavy mineral sampling and ground geophysical surveys. An extensive base of till and bedrock sampling program on the KoBold project area (see press release dated March 19, 2025) commenced during the second quarter.

The holes were drilled in several areas within the Risti Property to test various geochemical, geophysical, geological and interpreted structural targets. Some assay results have been provided in press releases and/or below, other results will be released in due course.

Three scout holes (SI25004-6) were collared approximately 3 km northeast of Aamurusko in the northeast corridor area of the Risti Property. The holes were drilled to the southwest and northeast targeting till geochemical anomalies and geophysical features. All holes intersected ultramafic rocks. Elevated gold ( $\geq 0.1$  g/t) values were not returned from partial sampling of the core.

Four scout holes (TK25003-6) were collared approximately 5.3 km north-northwest of Aamurusko in the area of the Tikka prospect within the Risti Property. The holes were drilled at various orientations to follow up on gold bearing quartz veins hosted within sandstone sub-outcrop and outcrop. All holes intersected sandstone with three of the four holes returning one interval with an elevated gold ( $\geq 0.1$  g/t) value. The best interval was in TK25006 which returned 0.61 g/t Au over 1.00 m from 77.20 m.

Six scout holes (LT25001-6) were collared approximately 6.4 to 8 km west-northwest of Vanha within the Risti Property. The holes targeted geochemical anomalies and geophysical features. The holes intersected various lithologies and structures with three of the six holes returning intervals with elevated gold ( $\geq 0.1$  g/t) values. Hole LT25003 intersected albitized gabbro which returned 0.52 g/t Au over 4.25 m from 17.50 m. Hole LT25005 intersected felsic intrusives (syenite / quartz monzonite) with local quartz-carbonate veining and pyrite-chalcopyrite mineralization which returned 0.89 g/t Au and 1.55% Cu over 0.40 m from 107.60 m and 0.62 g/t Au over 1.00 m from 111.00 m. Hole LT25006 intersected saprolitized sandstone which returned 1.08 g/t Au over 0.30 m from 16.80 m.

In a press release dated January 13, 2025, the Company announced results for five holes and two extensions drilled at the Kaaresselkä area, six scout holes drilled at the western part of the Risti property and a heavy mineral sampling program performed at the western area of the wholly owned Risti property, located in the Central Lapland Greenstone Belt in northern Finland.

#### Summary

- The mineralized system at the Vanha prospect (Kaaresselkä area) extended approximately 200 m along strike to the east
  - 8.08 g/t Au over 6.75 m from 186.95 m (KS24091)
  - 3.00 g/t Au over 16.25 m from 135.75 m (KS24092)
  - 3.33 g/t Au over 2.70 m from 216.00 m and 3.07 g/t over 1.40 m from 232.00 m (KS24088)
  - Gold mineralized system intersected over 800 m strike length and to 200 m depth at Vanha and remains open in multiple directions
- Scout holes intersect gold mineralization in the northwestern part of the Risti property
  - 3.33 g/t Au over 1.55 m from 235.60 m (HE24015)
  - All three holes drilled in the NW corner of the Risti property intersected gold mineralization
- Elevated gold grain counts, up to 950 gold grains, from heavy mineral sampling in the western part of the Risti property
  - Several samples with elevated gold grain counts in previously untested areas, for example along the interpreted 15 km long structural corridor between the Kaaresselkä area and the Vuoma discovery (B2Gold-Aurion JV)
- Preparations for winter drilling program are ongoing

In a press release dated February 24, 2025, the Company announced results for six holes drilled at the Kaaresselkä area of the wholly owned Risti property, located in the Central Lapland Greenstone Belt in northern Finland.

#### Summary

- 7.92 g/t Au over 13.60 m from 162.10 m, including 57.60 g/t Au over 1.00 m from 168.35 m (KS25097)
  - Extends the mineralized system 40 m along strike towards east at the Vanha prospect (Kaaresselkä area)
- Scout drill hole intersects gold mineralization 800 m west-southwest from the Vanha prospect
  - 0.63 g/t Au over 12.05 m from 105.05 m, including 1.34 g/t Au over 2.65 m from 114.45 m (KS24095)
- Summary and update on Vanha 2024-2025 drill results
  - Gold mineralization intersected in all previously reported 14 holes
  - Mineralized system extends 850 m along strike and to 200 m depth, open in multiple directions
  - Comparison between gold results from screen and fire assay methods shows no bias between analytical methods indicating no or low nugget effect
- Winter drilling program ongoing
  - Targets include the Kaaresselkä area and selected geophysical and/or geochemical anomalies in the Risti property

In a press release dated June 3, 2025, the Company announced results for mineralogical and metallurgical test work on two samples from the Vanha prospect (Kaaresselkä) and two samples from the Aamurusko prospect, located within the wholly owned Risti property in the Central Lapland Greenstone Belt in northern Finland.

#### Summary

- Kaaresselkä (Vanha prospect) samples, bottle roll cyanidation leaching test work
  - Sample 1 (KS22029), sample grade 4.39 g/t Au, gold recoveries 93.6-95.6%
  - Sample 2 (KS23071), sample grade 6.76 g/t Au, gold recoveries 94.5-96.1%
- Aamurusko samples, bottle roll cyanidation leaching test work
  - Sample 1 (AM19106), sample grade 2.03 g/t Au, gold recoveries 94.2-97.8%
  - Sample 2 (AM19113), sample grade 15.24 g/t Au, gold recovery 99.9%
- All samples demonstrate high recoveries confirming predominantly free-milling gold mineralization amenable to industry standard processing methods
  - Favorable liberation of gold grains at P80 75 µm grind size
- Drilling is ongoing at the Kaaresselkä area, on the wholly owned Risti property
  - Targets include the Vanha prospect and the Kaare area

In a press release dated June 26, 2025, the Company announced results for seven holes drilled at the Kaaresselkä area of the wholly owned Risti property, located in the Central Lapland Greenstone Belt in northern Finland.

#### Summary

- Mineralized system extended by approximately 100 m to 950 m along strike at the Vanha prospect (Kaaresselkä area)
  - 1.71 g/t Au over 22.00 m from 126.20 m (KS25099)
  - 1.33 g/t Au over 9.30 m from 57.15 m (KS25102)
  - All six holes intersected gold mineralization
  - Mineralized system extends 950 m along strike and to 200 m depth, open in multiple directions
- New mineralized zone confirmed 800 m west-southwest from the Vanha prospect
  - 1.06 g/t Au over 15.35 m from 59.00 m (KS25101)
  - Mineralized zone open in multiple directions
- Further results pending, exploration activities ongoing

- Drill holes have targeted the potential strike and depth extensions of the mineralized system

In a press release dated August 11, 2025, the Company announced results for ten holes drilled at the Kaaresselkä area of the wholly owned Risti property, located in the Central Lapland Greenstone Belt in northern Finland.

#### Summary

- Mineralized system extended along strike and at depth at the Vanha prospect (Kaaresselkä area)
  - 4.42 g/t Au over 32.55 m from 267.80 m including 72.80 g/t Au over 1.00 m from 272.00 m, and 4.29 g/t Au over 4.45 m from 308.55 m (KS25111)
  - 100 m below the intercept of 7.92 g/t Au over 13.60 m from 162.10 m (KS25097)
  - 4.69 g/t Au over 3.00 m from 68.75 m (KS25108)
  - 90 m above the intercept of 7.92 g/t Au over 13.60 m from 162.10 m (KS25097)
  - Gold intersected 1,050 m along strike and to 250 m depth
- Further results pending, exploration activities ongoing
  - Drill holes have targeted potential extensions of the mineralized system at the Kaaresselkä area

The drilling has provided valuable information which will aid in geological interpretation and future exploration planning.

During the second quarter of 2025 the Risti Property area was increased slightly by the addition of a new tenement.

#### **LAUNI PROPERTY**

Aurion's wholly owned Launi Property consists of 21 km<sup>2</sup> of largely unexplored ground. Paved highway and all-weather gravel roads provide easy access to the property which is located south of the Risti Property and west of the municipality of Sodankylä.

Aurion has carried out limited mapping, prospecting and base of till sampling. The entire property area was covered with an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) magnetics survey. The base of till survey (516 samples) has returned anomalous values of up to 324 ppb Au and 1,535 ppm Cu.

During 2024 Aurion completed 1,072.90 m of diamond drilling in 7 holes on the Launi Property. The holes were drilled in several areas to test various geochemical, geophysical, geological and interpreted structural targets. Scout holes LA24001-7 met with limited success with only one sample returning an elevated gold ( $\geq 0.1$  g/t) value. Hole LA24003 returned 0.15 g/t Au and 2,140 ppm Cu over 1.70 m from 78.20 m. This interval comprised a gabbro hosted quartz vein with coarse pyrrhotite and chalcopyrite mineralization.

#### **Exploration activities**

During the six-month period ended June 30, 2025, no exploration work was carried out within the Launi Property.

During the third quarter of 2025 the Launi Property area was reduced due to the reduction of one tenement area by approximately 17 km<sup>2</sup> of ground.

#### **SILA PROPERTY**

Aurion's wholly owned Sila Property consists of 60 km<sup>2</sup> of largely underexplored ground located approximately 75 km northwest of the Risti Property, 30 km northwest of the Kittilä Mine (Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.) and 5 km north of the Aarnivalkea discovery (Outback Goldfields Corp.).



Portions of the current property area have been previously optioned to Strategic Resources and Kinross Gold Corporation. Historical and recent exploration results indicate the property is prospective for gold and vanadium.

Sila hosts several zones containing vanadium-rich magnetite located along a 16 km long magnetic anomaly. Approximately 7,400 m of historical drilling over 72 holes has been completed on the property. The mineralized zones range in thickness from a few centimetres to 10 m and dip 45 degrees to the east. The vanadium-rich zones remain untested at depth and along strike of the known mineralization. Sila also covers approximately 11 km along the northern strike extension of the Hanhimaa Shear Zone (HSZ), within sheared meta-volcanics and meta-sediments sandwiched between two large intrusive bodies. The HSZ south of Sila hosts several gold occurrences, which have reported drill intersections of 4.5 g/t Au over 11.7 m and 5.9 g/t Au over 7.5 m (Agnico Annual report 2015).

Prior to 2019, Aurion identified gold mineralization hosted by quartz veins and silicified meta-volcanic and meta-sedimentary rocks. Assays from 112 rock samples collected over a distance of 3.4 km ranged up to 219 g/t Au. Two follow-up lines of soil sampling returned up to 105 ppb Au, 439 ppm As and 200 ppm Cu. Further follow-up with a grid style base of till survey returned values of up to 249 ppb Au, 1,450 ppm As and 527 ppm Cu. The till sampling resulted in a well-defined Au-As-Cu trend which is yet to be further tested.

During Kinross' option on the eastern portion of the current property, they collected 1,841 base of till samples from several target areas. The sampling has identified a number of gold and pathfinder element in till anomalies with values up to 126 ppb Au, 3,360 ppm As, 663 ppm Cu and 427 ppm Pb. During mapping and prospecting, a total of 134 rock samples were collected from various outcrop, sub-outcrop and float occurrences within the property area. None of the samples returned anomalous ( $\geq 0.1$  g/t) gold values. An unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) airborne magnetics survey was carried out over the entire property. They also conducted some ground penetrating radar (GPR) surveys. Eight scout holes, totaling 1,202.70 m of diamond core drilling, were completed in the southern part of the property. The holes targeted various geochemical and geophysical targets resulting from the new base of till and magnetics surveys. The core was selectively sampled and analyzed for Au only. Ten anomalous ( $\geq 0.1$  g/t) gold values were returned from three of the holes with the only significant interval being 3.87 g/t Au over 1.00 m from 116.20 m in hole SIL-23-008DD. This interval is associated with pyrite and arsenopyrite mineralization in weakly to moderately deformed, slightly biotite and chlorite altered, mafic volcanics.

### **Exploration activities**

During the six-month period ended June 30, 2025, no exploration work was carried out within the Sila Property.

### **NAAKENA PROPERTY**

Aurion's wholly owned Naakena Property (13 km<sup>2</sup>) was granted an exploration permit in October 2024. Paved highway and all-weather gravel roads provide easy access to the property, located in the municipality of Kittilä, 35 km west-northwest of the Risti Property and adjacent to the Aurion-B2Gold JV property.

The Naakena Property includes the Naakenavaara Au prospect, which was initially discovered in the early 1970's as a copper prospect by the Geological Survey of Finland (GTK). This prospect has seen intermittent exploration during 1972-1996 by the GTK and 2009-2011 by Taranis Resources Inc. Exploration over the years has included geochemical sampling, geology, trenching, ground and airborne geophysical surveys and diamond drilling. Diamond drilling by the GTK has returned numerous intervals of elevated copper ( $\geq 0.1\%$ ) values with local elevated gold ( $\geq 0.1$  g/t) values. One of the better holes, M273496R618, returned an interval of 0.47 g/t Au and 0.42% Cu over 49.00 m from 107.00 m including individual assays up to 10.30 g/t Au over 1.00 m and 2.26% Cu over 1.00 m. Historic information is based on data in reports "M19/2734/75/1" and "M06/2734/2002/1/10" by the GTK. Aurion considers the data to be relevant and reliable. Further information can also be found in the GTK's Mineral Deposit Report for Naakenavaara.

Aurion has carried out limited mapping and prospecting along with re-logging and sampling of historical drill core within the Naakena Property. Limited channel sampling of some historical trenches returned intervals of elevated Au and Cu including 0.39 g/t Au and 0.48% Cu over 5.20 m, 0.44 g/t Au and 0.40% Cu over 2.10 m and 0.38 g/t Au and 1.59% Cu over 1.90 m. Assay results from sampling of 5 historical Taranis diamond drill holes indicate zones of variable width and grade having elevated Cu, Au and Co in all five holes. The highest individual gold sample intervals include 7.20 g/t Au and 1.69% Cu over 0.90 m from 88.30 m (hole N-010), 1.62 g/t Au and 0.48% Cu over 1.10 m from 149.40 m (hole N-025) and 1.10 g/t Au and 0.81% Cu over 1.45 m from 115.00 m (hole N-024).

### **Exploration activities**

During the six-month period ended June 30, 2025, the Company carried out diamond drilling within the Naakena Property for a total of 624.30 m in four holes.

Four scout holes (NK25001-4) were completed within the Naakena Property area. The holes were drilled at various orientations targeting interpreted geophysical features. The holes intersected mainly graphitic sediments with lesser phyllite, mafic volcanics and ultramafic rocks. One hole (NK25001) returned an interval with an elevated gold ( $\geq 0.1$  g/t) value of 0.14 g/t Au and 0.73% Cu over 1.10 m from 93.75 m.

### **SAVU PROPERTY (includes previous Auermaa Property)**

The Savu Property is located in northeastern Finland in the municipalities of Savukoski and Salla. The property package includes recently staked areas and the previously staked Auermaa Property totaling approximately 132 km<sup>2</sup>.

The property covers several geologic domains that are considered prospective for several commodities including gold, lithium, phosphate and rare earth elements (REE). The property is considered to be largely unexplored to underexplored yet has significant road access to allow for cost-effective exploration.

In a press release dated May 23, 2023, the Company reported staking properties prospective for gold and critical minerals in northeastern Finland for which the details are provided below.

### **Gold – Auermavaara Prospect**

The Auermaa Property (now part of the Savu Property) includes the Auermavaara Au prospect, which was initially discovered in 1985 by Lapin Malmi Oy, a company that was co-owned by Outokumpu Mining Oy and Rautaruukki Oy. This prospect has seen limited exploration, but surface sampling by Aurion has returned from nil to 10.4 g/t Au in grab samples. In addition, historic till sampling has returned anomalous gold values and five historic drill holes intersected anomalous gold values up to 0.4 g/t Au. Historic information is based on data in reports “M06/4714/2002/1/10” by the Geological Survey of Finland (GTK), “001/4713,4714/OI/88” by Lapin Malmi Oy and report “080/4714/OI/90” by Lapin Malmi Oy. Aurion considers the data to be relevant and reliable.

The gold mineralization is hosted by Archean metavolcanic and metasedimentary rocks and is interpreted to be associated with iron rich garnet bearing rocks that may represent metamorphosed silicate facies iron formation.

### **Phosphate and REE – Kaulus Prospect**

The Kaulus phosphate and REE prospect is located in the northeast corner of the property and covers part of the Sokli carbonatite complex. The Sokli carbonatite complex belongs to the Kola Alkaline Province that extends from Russia to Finland. The Kola Alkaline Province contains a number of carbonatites with significant phosphate, REE and/or iron deposits (for example Kovdor and Khibina) of which many are currently or have been in production.

The limited and periodic exploration activities at the Kaulus prospect by the GTK have included mapping, till sampling, geophysical surveys, trenching and diamond core drilling. Aurion has acquired the exploration data sets from the GTK and considers the data to be relevant and reliable. Partial information on the exploration activities have been included in reports by the GTK (For example, Sarapää et. al. 2013, Exploration potential of hi-tech metals in Finland, 161/2013, GTK).

Trenching and drilling by the GTK returned several significant phosphate and REE mineralized intervals. Intervals with elevated iron contents have also been intersected. The phosphate mineralized lithologies include carbonatite and sovite and mineralization has been encountered in both fresh and weathered bedrock. Phosphate and REE grades in the residuum of weathered bedrock are higher compared to fresh rocks due to the weathering related secondary enrichment processes.

Highlight intervals from previous exploration activities by the GTK in the Kaulus area include:

- Drill intercepts in residuum of weathered bedrock include:
  - 13.51% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and 5.03% \*total rare earth oxides (TREO) over 12.00 m from 2.00 m (drill hole U5422014R30)
  - 8.53% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> over 48.50 m from 23.10 m, including 14.79% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> over 19.20 m from 23.10 m (drill hole U5422012R10)
  - 7.15% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> over 57.90 m from 6.55 m, including 11.81% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and 18.30% Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> over 22.75 m from 6.55 m (drill hole U5422013R20)
  - 10.57% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> over 22.90 m from 34.40 m (drill hole U5422016R44)
- Drill intercepts in fresh rock include:
  - 4.23% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> over 125.00 m from 54.00 m (drill hole U5422012R3)
  - 3.33% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> over 189.40 m from 31.00 m (drill hole U5422012R4)
- Trench result:
  - 10.42% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and 2.78% TREO over 39.10 m (trench U5422014R33)

\* Total rare earth oxides (TREO) include La<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CeO<sub>2</sub>, Pr<sub>6</sub>O<sub>11</sub>, Nd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Sm<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Eu<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Tb<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, Dy<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Ho<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Er<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Tm<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Yb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Lu<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

The Kaulus prospect covers the southern part of the Sokli carbonatite complex. The main part of the Sokli carbonatite (“Sokli Project”) is held by Finnish Minerals Group, a special-purpose company wholly owned by the State of Finland. The mineral reserves for the lateritic part of the Sokli Project currently stand at 133.3 Mt @ 12.21% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and 18.34% FeO, and the indicated mineral resource at 151.6 Mt @ 11.97% P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and 18.60% FeO (Information sourced from <https://www.mineralsgroup.fi>, 20.5.2023,). Elevated levels of REE, vermiculite and manganese have also been observed. The Finnish Minerals Group is currently advancing technical and economic studies on their Sokli Project.

### **Exploration activities**

During the six-month period ended June 30, 2025, no exploration work was carried out within the Savu Property.

During the first quarter of 2025 the Savu Property area was reduced significantly due to the expiry of two reservations comprising approximately 1,404 km<sup>2</sup> of ground.

During the second quarter of 2025 the Savu Property area was reduced slightly due to the reduction of one tenement area by approximately 11 km<sup>2</sup> of ground.

## **Finland Properties Subject to Partnership Agreements:**

### **B2GOLD JOINT VENTURE, HELMI-KUTUVUOMA-AHVENJARVI-SINERMÄ**

On August 13, 2015, the Company signed a binding Letter Agreement with B2Gold Corp., (“B2Gold”), granting B2Gold the right to earn up to an undivided 75% interest in an approximately 290 km<sup>2</sup> project area that includes the Kutuvuoma and Ahvenjarvi prospects. Pursuant to the terms of the Letter Agreement, the Company formalized and signed a definitive Option Agreement with B2Gold on January 18, 2016.

Under the terms of the Letter Agreement B2Gold was to complete \$5,000,000 in exploration expenditures, pay Aurion \$50,000 cash and issue 550,000 B2Gold shares over 4 years to earn a 51% interest. B2Gold can earn an additional 19% interest by spending a further \$10,000,000 over 2 years. B2Gold can earn an additional 5% interest (for a total of 75%) by completing a bankable feasibility study.

The first-year commitment of \$750,000 in exploration expenditures including 2,000 m of drilling and payment of \$50,000 cash and 50,000 B2Gold shares was guaranteed. A finder’s fee was paid by the Company with respect to this transaction and was settled on April 29, 2016, by the issuance of 1,476,750 common shares at a value of \$0.13 per share. The Company subsequently agreed to a reduced drilling program for the first year.

On August 1, 2019, the Company received 200,000 B2Gold common shares which were issued pursuant to the option agreement dated January 18, 2016. On August 13, 2019, the Company received a Notice of Exercise of Option from B2Gold confirming that B2Gold fulfilled its obligations under the Option Agreement dated January 18, 2016, and that as of August 14, 2019, the Option was deemed to be exercised.

The Company acquired the Kutuvuoma and Sila Properties from Dragon Mining Ltd (“Dragon”). According to the terms of the Letter of Intent, the Company finalized and signed a definitive Purchase Agreement on May 23, 2014. Pursuant to the terms of the Purchase Agreement and subject to regulatory approvals, the Company issued a total of 6,750,000 common shares to Dragon. The Company also committed to incur a total of €1,000,000 in expenditures on these properties over three years. In addition, Dragon will retain a 3% Net Smelter Royalty (“NSR”) on any deposit mined by the Company within the projects or any defined Areas of Interest. The NSR could be purchased at any time on or before the sixth anniversary of signing the Purchase Agreement with a single cash payment of €4,000,000. Upon successful resource definition, the Company will also make bonus payments to Dragon for the sum of €2,000,000 in cash or equivalent in common shares of the Company for the defining of 1,000,000 ounces of gold material and € 1,000,000 in cash or equivalent in common shares of the Company for the defining of every additional 1,000,000 ounces of gold equivalent material within the projects and the defined Area of Interests.

On October 18, 2021, the Company announced that B2Gold Corp. had provided Aurion notice to exercise its option to acquire an additional 19% interest in the Finland Joint Venture, taking its total interest to 70%. B2Gold advised that since the inception of the agreement, being January 18, 2016, it had completed over CAN\$15 million in exploration expenditures, paid Aurion CAN\$50,000 in cash and issued 550,000 B2Gold shares.

As reported in a press release (Dec. 9, 2021) B2Gold provided notice of its intention to terminate the third option to solely fund all programs and budgets until completion of a Feasibility Study as required under the remaining option to acquire an additional 5% ownership interest. As a result, Aurion will retain a 30% interest in the Joint Venture and will commence funding its proportionate share of all exploration on the properties under JV with B2Gold. B2Gold is the operator of the Joint Venture.

#### **B2Gold JV Prospects**

The JV area is located along and adjacent to the major crustal scale Sirkka Shear Zone and covers approximately 40 km strike length of prospective geology. The JV area includes recent discoveries such as Helmi, Vuoma, Sinermä and Kutuvuoma East and several historic gold prospects such as Kutuvuoma,

Ahvenjärvi, Kettukuusikko, Hirvilavanmaa, Palovaara, Soretialehto, Soretiavuoma, Tuongankuusikko and Kiekerömaa. The historic prospects have seen limited amounts of exploration despite returning encouraging drill intercepts.

### **Helmi Prospect**

The Helmi Discovery was made in 2021 (Oct 25, 2021, press release). The Helmi area covers approximately 1.5 km strike length of the 8 km long sequence of prospective geology along a domain boundary in the eastern part of the JV property extending from the Ikkari Discovery to the Kutuvuoma test pit. The Helmi Discovery is located approximately 1.3 km west of Rupert Resources' 3.95-million-ounce Ikkari Discovery.

The drill holes intersected metavolcanic and metasedimentary sequences and gabbro intrusions or sills. The mineralized intervals are mainly hosted in altered and sheared and/or brecciated mafic and ultramafic tuffs and tuffites with fine-grained pyrite as disseminations, interfolial sulphide or within narrow quartz-magnetite veins. The gold grades within the broader mineralized zones are relatively consistent.

Drilling highlights from Helmi:

- 2.05 g/t Au over 77.50 m from 41.70 m (IKK22018)
- 2.44 g/t Au over 43.45 m from 151.95 m (IKK22029)
- 1.44 g/t Au over 67.20 m from 166.00 m (IKK22030)
- 1.84 g/t Au over 52.40 m from 85.30 m (IKK21003)
- 1.73 g/t Au over 44.95 m from 109.60 m (IKK21006)
- 1.46 g/t Au over 39.00 m from 98.50 m (IKK22025)
- 1.11 g/t Au over 45.80 m from 139.00 m (IKK21010)
- 1.57 g/t Au over 31.85 m from 119.00 m (IKK22024)
- 1.46 g/t Au over 33.00 m from 175.00 m (IKK22034)
- 2.11 g/t Au over 21.70 m from 216.00 m (IKK22034)
- 1.42 g/t Au over 30.70 m from 55.40 m (IKK21009)
- 1.42 g/t Au over 30.60 m from 34.20 m (IKK21002)

### **Kutuvuoma Prospect**

The Kutuvuoma prospect is a high-grade, shear zone hosted gold deposit that was discovered in the 1990s by Outokumpu Oy, a publicly listed company in which the Finnish state is the largest shareholder. Outokumpu Oy drilled 47 shallow core and reverse circulation drill holes totaling 3,425 m, testing Kutuvuoma within a very small area (approximately 175 m horizontally and 175 m vertically). No other drilling or trenching has been conducted since the mid-1990's. A small part of the deposit was test-mined in 1999.

Bedrock geology at Kutuvuoma is dominated by east to southeast trending Paleoproterozoic volcanic-sedimentary sequences of the CLGB's Savukoski Group and currently defined gold mineralization on the property occurs in association with sulphide-bearing quartz vein arrays with disseminated sulphides in altered, albitic, siliceous meta-mudstones and meta-igneous rocks as well as in sulphide matrix breccias. The main deposit at Kutuvuoma occurs as a moderately west-plunging zone localized along a south dipping, sheared graphitic unit within sheared and altered Savukoski Group country rocks. These include komatiites as well as graphitic-sulphidic schist, fine grained meta-sandstone and thin interbedded marble. Kutuvuoma is interpreted to be located along strike and within the same geologic sequence as Rupert Resources' Ikkari Discovery. The distance between Kutuvuoma and Ikkari is 8 km.

Historic drilling highlights from Kutuvuoma include:

- 7.2 g/t Au over 19.40 m from 60.00 m
- 13.2 g/t Au over 5.00 m from 88.00 m
- 12.6 g/t Au over 7.00 m from 26.00 m

Exploration activities by the JV have included reconnaissance prospecting, geological mapping, trenching, geophysical surveys, base of till sampling, diamond core drilling and preliminary metallurgical test work. High-grade gold has been intercepted in drilling over a strike extent of approximately 1,080 m; mineralization remains open in all directions.

Drilling highlights from Kutuvuoma by JV:

- 8.59 g/t Au over 2.15 m from 21.4 m and 11.37 g/t over 13.3 m from 71.85 m (Drill hole KU16003)
- 1.76 g/t Au over 8.85 m from 38.65 m (Drill hole KU16001)
- 1.67 g/t Au over 5.05 m from 42.55 m (Drill hole KU16002)
- 6.74 g/t Au over 5.60 m from 121.20 m (KU20006), 200 m east of Outokumpu historical drilling
- 12.28 g/t Au over 2.75 m from 28.15 m (KU20008), 270 m west of Outokumpu historical drilling

### **Vuoma Prospect**

The Vuoma Discovery was made in 2023 (Aug 21, 2023, press release). Drill hole VUO23007, collared 2.7 km south of Helmi, intersected several mineralized intervals in strongly deformed sericite-chlorite-albite/K-feldspar altered Kumpu sandstone with local trace sulphides. These intervals lie within ~60 m of the Savukoski/Kumpu contact. Intercepts include 0.73 g/t Au over 2.70 m from 65.70 m, 0.37 g/t Au over 15.50 m from 78.50 m including 0.49 g/t Au over 10.00 m from 81.20 m, 1.33 g/t Au over 8.30 m from 133.60 m and 1.33 g/t Au over 1.35 m from 171.40 m. This mineralization is a new discovery along the Savukoski/Kumpu contact on the southern margin of the basin. Notably, the hole also intersected ultramafic rocks containing magnetite-pyrite veinlets like those observed at Helmi where they carry gold. Four more scout holes, targeting interpreted structural features along or in the vicinity of the southern margin of the Kumpu basin, were later completed with all holes intersecting gold mineralization (Jan. 16, 2024, press release). These results provide further evidence of the gold prospectivity along the mainly untested, 20+ km southern domain boundary that extends 15 km to the Kaarelselkä prospect on the Risti Property.

Drilling highlights from Vuoma:

- 28.64 g/t Au over 4.90 m including 126.00 g/t Au over 1.10 m from 455.80 m (VUO23012)
- 1.33 g/t Au over 8.30 m from 133.60 m (VUO23007)
- 3.55 g/t Au over 2.80 m from 169.80 m (VUO23010)

### **Sore Prospect**

The Sore Discovery was made in 2023 (Mar 19, 2024, press release). Twelve scout holes, targeting near surface mineralization encountered in pitting during 2023, were completed. The holes were drilled in the northwestern part of the JV property, 1.7 km NW of Kettukuusikko (4.33 g/t Au over 20.4 m) and 38 km from Helmi. No previous diamond drilling had occurred within 1 km from the new discovery. The initial drilling returned several mineralized intervals and trenching returned channel samples up to 12.55 g/t Au over 0.40 m. Subsequent to the initial discovery, eight more scout holes were drilled around the Sore area. The holes were drilled in various locations and at various orientations. The holes intersected dominantly sedimentary and ultramafic lithologies with minor mafic volcanics. All holes intersected elevated gold ( $\geq 0.1$  g/t) values.

Drilling highlights from Sore:

- 26.45 g/t Au over 2.45 m from 104.65 m including 108.50 g/t Au over 0.50 m from 105.80 m; 1.74 g/t Au over 14.10 m from 367.10 m (SOR23010)
- 1.05 g/t Au over 40.70 m from 38.40 m (SOR23002)
- 1.33 g/t Au over 17.90 m from 5.40 m (SOR23001)
- 1.29 g/t Au over 4.90 m from 110.90 m including 5.13 g/t Au over 0.70 m from 111.70 m (SOR24018)
- 0.78 g/t Au over 4.30 m from 104.30 m (SOR24013)

- 0.83 g/t Au over 3.55 m from 231.75 m (SOR24017)

### **Kutuvuoma East Prospect**

The Kutuvuoma East prospect is located along strike and in between Rupert Resources' Ikkari deposit (3-4.5 km to east) and the Kutuvuoma prospect (3.5-5 km to west) and within the metavolcanic and metasedimentary rocks of the Savukoski group near the contact with the sedimentary rocks of the Kumpu group.

The initial widely spaced, five-hole (1,259.1 m) diamond drilling program was completed in 2020 and tested selected geochemical (gold in base of till) and geophysical targets over an area extending 1,300 m in strike length. All drill holes intersected zones with elevated gold (>0.1 g/t Au) with mineralized zones encountered in multiple lithologies including ultramafic and mafic volcanic rocks, siltstones, graphitic sediments and in contacts between volcanic rocks and felsic/porphyritic dykes.

Drilling highlights from Kutuvuoma East:

- 39.40 g/t Au over 1.40 m from 64.30 m (KUE22011)
- 6.25 g/t Au over 6.00 m from 222.60 m (KUE22028)
- 0.71 g/t Au over 36.00 m from 32.10 m (KUE21008)
- 14.77 g/t Au over 1.60 m from 42.20 m (KUE20003)
- 1.62 g/t Au over 9.66 m from 220.04 m (KUE21008)
- 5.70 g/t Au over 2.00 m from 20.10 m (KUE22017)
- 1.64 g/t Au over 5.20 m from 192.80 m (KUE22013)
- 2.48 g/t Au over 2.80 m from 213.00 m (KUE22019)
- 1.63 g/t Au over 2.80 m from 50.90 m (KUE20001)
- 1.10 g/t Au over 3.95 m from 244.35 m (KUE22013)

### **Sinermä Prospect**

The Sinermä area is located in the western part of the JV property, approximately 22 km northwest of the Kutuvuoma prospect and 23 km SSW of Agnico-Eagle's Kittilä Mine. The gold mineralized zones in the Sinermä area were discovered in 2020 via base of till sampling and geophysical survey programs, which were followed by excavation of five trenches and drilling of four diamond drill holes (total 647.7 m).

Highlights from Sinermä:

- Channel samples: 1.07 g/t Au over 42.40 m and 1.30 g/t Au over 20.80 m
- Drilling intercepts: 0.54 g/t Au over 40.20 m, 6.80 g/t Au over 0.75 m and 4.11 g/t Au over 1.40 m

### **Kiekerömaa Prospect**

The Kiekerömaa Property covers 8.4 km<sup>2</sup> and is located approximately 25 km west from Aamurisko and 7 km south-southwest from Kutuvuoma. Kiekerömaa was purchased along with the Kaaresselkä prospect from Tertiary Minerals Plc ("Tertiary") and is subject to the conditions described for the Kaaresselkä prospect.

The prospect was discovered by Outokumpu Oy in the late 1990s while exploring for base metals. Tertiary acquired the prospect in 2003 by staking the ground and completed a small drill program in 2011. Historic drill intercepts from limited drilling by Outokumpu Oy and Tertiary include 5.8 g/t Au over 5.0 m, 7.4 g/t Au over 2.0 m and 3.6 g/t Au over 4.6 m. The mineralization extends over a strike length of 300 m and remains open in all directions.

Minimal exploration activities occurred on Kiekerömaa in 2018-2020 and the Company wrote down the full carrying value of Kiekerömaa as of December 31, 2019, due to recent and projected inactivity.

Following the completion of an agreement with B2Gold, the Kiekerömaa Property was included in the B2Gold JV.

### **Exploration activities**

During the six-month period ended June 30, 2025, B2Gold did not carry out any exploration work within the joint venture area.

### **KINROSS OPTION, LAUNI EAST**

On August 21, 2023, the Company entered into an option agreement with Kinross Gold Corp (“Kinross”). Under the terms of the agreement, Kinross can earn a 70% undivided interest in the Launi East Property by incurring a minimum of USD\$10,000,000 in exploration expenditures on or before the seventh anniversary. Subject to receiving all necessary permits for a drilling program, Kinross has agreed, as a firm obligation, to incur a minimum of USD\$2,000,000 in exploration expenditures on or before the second anniversary of the agreement.

Should Aurion’s interest in the joint venture be diluted down to 10% or less, Aurion’s interest will be converted to a 2% Net Smelter Return (NSR) Royalty on the property. Kinross may purchase one-half of the royalty to reduce the royalty to 1% of net smelter returns for USD\$2,000,000.

### **Launi East Property**

The Launi East Property covers an area of approximately 46 km<sup>2</sup> that was not explored prior to Aurion. The exploration license for the Launi East area was granted in December 2018. Launi East has no record of prior exploration or mining licenses. Paved highway and all-weather gravel roads provide easy access to the property which is located 8-10 km south of the Risti Property and 10 km northwest of the municipality of Sodankylä.

The major regional shear structure, the Sirkka Shear Zone or its splay, is interpreted to traverse across the property. The arcuate stratigraphy on the Launi East Property includes a folded and faulted package of siliceous sandstones intercalated with wackes and siltstones, mafic to intermediate volcanic and intrusive sequences and late granitoid intrusions.

Prospecting and mapping have resulted in the discovery of multiple gold-bearing zones, including among others, the Christmas Deformation Zone, Midsommer, Bonanza, Father’s Day, Mother’s Day, Stubley, Lakijänkä and Hinge Zone prospects, in a 5.5 by 1.0 km area parallel to and within 1 km to the west of the Sirkka Shear Zone. Widespread fuchsite, tourmaline, sericite and iron-carbonate bedrock alteration along with abundant quartz veining is observed within silicified sandstone or intermediate volcanics. Visible gold is observed in quartz veins and mineralized host rocks. Mineralized zones at Launi East appear to show lateral continuity along strike across the property, and individual zones can be traced for up to 300 m. All prospects are at an early stage of evaluation, and the majority of the Launi East area, particularly areas dominated by mafic and ultramafic rocks, have not yet been explored due to lack of surface exposure.

Approximately 2,300 samples have been collected from boulders, sub-crops and outcrops assaying up to 709 g/t Au with an average grade of 4.20 g/t Au. Other exploration activities have included trenching, geophysical surveys, till sampling and diamond core drilling.

To date, a total of 67 holes for 9,882.20 m, primarily utilizing a small capacity “scout” drill rig, have been drilled with most holes located in a 1.0 by 1.5 km area in the northern portion of the property. The main drill targets have been the Hinge Zone, Christmas Deformation Zone, Midsommer and Bonanza. The majority of the drill holes have intersected zones of gold mineralization and identified several envelopes of near-surface gold mineralization.



Multiple gold bearing veins have been intersected in a >300 m wide by >1.0 km long corridor at the Christmas Deformation Zone. At the Hinge Zone, where drilling targeted blind geophysical anomalies, high-grade near-surface gold was intersected in a fault zone returning assays up to 30.70 g/t Au and 8.65 g/t Au and in a magnetic volcanogenic sediment unit returning an intercept of 3.05 g/t Au over 5.30 m. The Hinge Zone target has a strike length of over 1 km.

Channel sampling highlights from Launi East:

- 27.01 g/t Au over 1.77 m (LNT1904, Christmas Deformation Zone)
- 14.76 g/t Au over 2.95 m (LNT1904, Christmas Deformation Zone)
- 10.81 g/t Au over 3.11 m (LNT1904, Christmas Deformation Zone)
- 39.50 g/t Au over 0.56 m (BZT1901, Bonanza)
- 29.00 g/t Au over 0.44 m (BZT1901, Bonanza)
- 19.50 g/t Au over 0.77 m (BZT1901, Bonanza)

Drilling highlights from Launi East:

- 63.90 g/t Au over 0.37 m from 260.83 m (LN20014 Christmas Deformation Zone)
- 5.50 g/t Au over 0.40 m from 78.50 m (LN20008 Christmas Deformation Zone)
- 3.05 g/t Au over 5.30 m from 106.50 m (LN20050 Hinge Zone)
- 8.65 g/t Au over 0.55 m from 28.40 m (LN20042 Hinge Zone)

During 2024, Kinross carried out base of till sampling, ground geophysical surveys and diamond core drilling on the Launi East Property. A total of 1,003 base of till samples were collected which have identified a number of gold and pathfinder elements in till anomalies. A total of eighteen scout holes (2,535.90 m) were drilled to test selected geophysical and geochemical targets. Twelve scout holes were drilled in the western part of the property of which several holes intersected deformed and altered rocks returning anomalous gold values (>0.1 g/t Au). The best intercept was 5.23 g/t Au over 3.65 m including 10.05 g/t Au over 0.95 m. Six scout holes were drilled in the central and southern part of the property with no elevated gold values encountered.

### **Exploration activities**

During the six-month period ended June 30, 2025, Kinross carried out base of till and bedrock confirmation drilling on the Launi East Property. A total of 362 base of till samples were collected and 21 bedrock confirmation holes (601.70 m) were drilled. Results will be released in due course.

### **UNITED STATES**

In 2021, the Company decided to forgo any further rights to the Racey Property located in Oregon, and the carrying value has been reduced to zero.

### **MEXICO**

The Company abandoned its exploration activities in Mexico during 2013 and all associated costs were written down. As the Company has no plans to restart operations in Mexico, the mineral claims were transferred to a new owner and, on August 4, 2022, the Company entered into an agreement to sell its 100% owned Mexican subsidiary, Minera Aurion de Mexico S.A de C.V (“Minera Aurion”), for consideration of \$1. The Company no longer holds any rights or obligations with respect to Minera Aurion.

### **Qualified Person**

Andrew Hussey, P. Geo., a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101, is responsible for the preparation of the foregoing property reports.

## **Results of Operations**

	For the three months ended June 30,		For the six months ended June 30,	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	\$	\$	\$	\$
EXPENSES				
Share based payments	224,353	106,655	785,468	794,103
Wages and benefits	204,421	198,152	388,217	384,355
General and Administrative	249,160	190,236	488,775	417,022
Professional fees	29,330	54,084	86,398	92,763
Depreciation	13,955	20,783	24,249	38,223
Accounting	39,932	35,073	51,937	43,411
Amortization of right-of-use assets	3,721	3,874	7,442	7,825
Consulting fees	69,501	69,000	139,001	143,000
Interest and bank charges	1,083	1,050	2,496	2,530
Interest on lease liabilities	1,876	789	3,753	896
	(837,332)	(679,696)	(1,977,736)	(1,924,128)
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES)				
Foreign exchange loss	(7,781)	5,165	25,719	19,754
Interest and other Income	35,267	47,709	82,950	127,197
Share of loss from associate	(31,763)	(137,707)	(50,076)	(376,892)
Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities	29,667	(463,333)	(153,333)	(530,000)
Gain on sale of equipment	-	-	12,874	-
	25,390	(548,166)	(81,866)	(759,941)
Loss for the period	(811,942)	(1,227,862)	(2,059,602)	(2,684,069)
Foreign currency translation	370,092	133,529	812,809	272,263
Comprehensive loss for the period	(441,850)	(1,094,333)	(1,246,793)	(2,411,806)

For the three months ended June 30, 2025, compared to the three months ended June 30, 2024:

- Share-based payments expense is higher by \$117,698
- Wages and benefits are higher by \$6,269
- General and administrative costs are higher by \$58,924
- Professional fees are lower by \$24,754
- Accounting fees are higher by \$4,859
- Consulting fees are higher by \$501
- Total expenses are higher by \$157,636

For the six months ended June 30, 2025, compared to the six months ended June 30, 2024:

- Share-based payments expense is lower by \$8,635
- Wages and benefits are higher by \$3,862
- General and administrative costs are higher by \$71,753
- Professional fees are lower by \$6,365
- Accounting fees are higher by \$8,526
- Consulting fees are lower by \$3,999
- Total expenses are higher by \$53,608

Total expenses for the three and six months ended June 30, 2025, compared to the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, are higher overall. General and administrative expenses are higher for the three and six months ended June 30, 2025, compared to the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, mainly due to a reduction of general and administrative expenses in the prior year related to partner chargebacks.

### **Quarterly Information**

	(\$) Write-down of Exploration and Evaluation Assets	(\$) Other Expenses	(\$) Other (Income) and Expenses	(\$) Net Gain (Loss)	(\$) Basic and Diluted Gain (Loss) per Share
<b>IFRS</b>					
Q2 - June 30, 2025	-	837,332	25,390	(811,942)	(0.010)
Q1 - March 31, 2025	-	1,140,403	107,256	(1,247,659)	(0.010)
Q4 - December 31, 2024	-	745,917	285,020	(1,030,936)	(0.010)
Q3 - September 30, 2024	-	1,016,309	(498,601)	(517,709)	(0.004)
Q2 - June 30, 2024	-	679,696	548,166	(1,227,862)	(0.010)
Q1 - March 31, 2024	-	1,244,431	211,775	(1,456,206)	(0.010)
Q4 - December 31, 2023	198,135	923,370	386,966	(1,508,471)	(0.010)
Q3 - September 30, 2023	-	903,123	1,012,868	(1,915,991)	(0.030)

### **Selected Annual Financial Information**

	2024 \$	2023 \$	2022 \$
Operating expenses	3,686,353	4,347,194	4,511,853
Other expenses (income)	546,360	1,683,358	202,348
Net loss	4,232,713	6,030,552	4,714,201
Loss per share	0.03	0.05	0.04
Total assets	72,305,551	67,415,885	64,601,660

### **Financial Condition / Liquidity / Capital Resources**

#### **2025**

Between March 13, 2025, and March 31, 2025, the Company issued a total of 212,015 shares pursuant to the exercise of warrants at a price of \$0.55 per share for gross proceeds of \$116,608.

Between March 13, 2025, and April 11, 2025, the Company issued a total of 635,042 shares pursuant to the exercise of warrants at a price of \$0.55 per share for gross proceeds of \$349,273. On April 12, 2025, 300 warrants at a price of \$0.55 expired unexercised.

On March 31, 2025, the Company issued 152,777 DSUs to certain officers under its DSU plan at a market value of \$0.72 per DSU. These DSUs will vest one third on each of March 31, 2026, March 31, 2027, and March 31, 2028.

On March 31, 2025, the Company issued 486,110 PSUs to certain officers under its PSU plan at a market value of \$0.72 per PSU. These PSUs will vest one third on each of March 31, 2026, March 31, 2027, and March 31, 2028.

Between April 1, 2025, and April 11, 2025, the Company issued a total of 423,027 shares pursuant to the exercise of warrants at a price of \$0.55 per share for gross proceeds of \$232,665. On April 12, 2025, 300 warrants at a price of \$0.55 expired unexercised.

On April 17, 2025, the Company issued 75,000 shares pursuant to the exercise of stock options at exercise prices of \$0.50, \$0.57 and \$0.65 per share for gross proceeds of \$43,000.

On July 29, 2025, 100,000 stock options at an exercise price of \$1.38 expired unexercised.

## **2024**

On March 31, 2024, the Company issued 139,344 DSUs to certain officers under its DSU plan at a market value of \$0.61 per DSU. These DSUs will vest one third on each of March 31, 2025, March 31, 2026, and March 31, 2027.

On June 30, 2024, the Company issued 141,666 DSUs to certain officers under its DSU plan at a market value of \$0.60 per DSU. These DSUs will vest one third on each of June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027.

On August 7, 2024, the Company issued a total of 16,429,965 common shares pursuant to a private placement at a price of \$0.55 for gross proceeds of \$9,036,481.

On August 13, 2024, the Company issued 2,800,000 stock options to directors, officers, employees and consultants, exercisable at a price of \$0.57 per share until August 13, 2029.

On September 30, 2024, the Company issued 183,332 DSUs to certain officers under its DSU plan at a market value of \$0.60 per DSU. These DSUs will vest one third on each of September 30, 2025, September 30, 2026, and September 30, 2027.

On December 31, 2024, the Company issued 132,812 DSUs to certain officers under its DSU plan at a market value of \$0.64 per DSU. These DSUs will vest one third on each of December 31, 2025, December 31, 2026, and December 31, 2027.

## **Outstanding Share Data**

As at August 26, 2025, the following were outstanding:

149,599,325 common shares  
814,145 share purchase warrants  
9,155,000 stock options  
3,990,175 deferred share units  
2,143,978 performance share units

## **Off Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

## **Transactions with Related Parties**

The following represents a summary of transactions with directors and named executive officers (“NEOs”) of the Company:

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Matti Talikka, CEO	137,362	122,033	382,941	423,919
Mark Serdan, CFO	94,032	66,107	277,923	264,070
Mark Santarossa, VP Corporate Development	52,165	32,450	128,567	115,288
Other Directors	36,218	24,875	138,706	213,117
	319,777	245,465	928,137	1,016,394
Amounts expensed as:				
Salary and other short-term benefits for the CE	50,000	50,000	100,000	100,000
Salary and other short-term benefits for the CF	37,500	37,500	75,000	75,000
Consulting Fees paid to the VP Corp Developn	31,500	31,500	63,000	63,000
Directors' Fees	20,000	20,000	40,000	40,000
Share-based compensation	180,777	106,465	650,137	738,394
	319,777	245,465	928,137	1,016,394

At June 30, 2025, the Company owed the Chairman of the Board, \$258,018 (December 31, 2024 - \$247,644) in accrued expenses for travel, and other costs that were incurred by the Chairman on behalf of the Company since 2019.

## **Mineral Properties**

As at June 30, 2025

Property	Balance, Beginning of Year	Additions	Receipts From Partners	Properties Written Down	Balance, End of Year
Risti	39,908,477	2,081,636	-	-	41,990,113
Launi East	6,181,256	16,462	(1,041)	-	6,196,677
Launi West	1,876,338	24,311	-	-	1,900,649
Sadin	197,308	154,349	-	-	351,657
Lapio	352,275	1,592	-	-	353,867
Silasselka	220,323	2,071	-	-	222,394
Other	13,941	26,156	(26,156)	-	13,941
	48,749,918	2,306,577	(27,197)	-	51,029,298

As at December 31, 2024

Property	Balance, Beginning of Year	Additions	Receipts From Partners	Properties Written Down	Balance, End of Year
Risti	36,795,038	3,113,439	-	-	39,908,477
Launi East	6,183,394	231,104	(233,242)	-	6,181,256
Launi West	1,476,606	399,732	-	-	1,876,338
Sadin	34,148	163,160	-	-	197,308
Lapio	311,775	40,500	-	-	352,275
Sikasselka	105,792	114,531	-	-	220,323
Other	13,941	169,748	(169,748)	-	13,941
	<b>44,920,694</b>	<b>4,232,214</b>	<b>(402,990)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,749,918</b>

	June 30, 2025			June 30, 2024		
	total	Finland	Other	total	Finland	Other
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Aquisitions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Land Management	135,665	135,665	-	111,272	111,272	-
Labour - Operations	537,676	537,676	-	478,526	478,526	-
Consulting Fees	5,850	5,850	-	4,225	4,225	-
Office Expenses	3,994	3,994	-	61,933	61,933	-
Drilling, Surveying, Assays	1,603,012	1,603,012	-	796,756	796,756	-
Travel, Accomodations	9,229	9,229	-	13,019	13,019	-
Rentals and Supplies	11,151	11,151	-	2,597	2,597	-
Total expenditures	2,306,577	2,306,577	-	1,468,328	1,468,328	-
Financed by Partners	(27,197)	(27,197)	-	(161,251)	(161,251)	-
Total Additions	2,279,380	2,279,380	-	1,307,077	1,307,077	-

## **Financial Risk Factors**

The Company has exposure to credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk. The Company's Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the oversight of these risks and reviews the Company's policies on an ongoing basis to ensure that these risks are appropriately managed, which are summarized below:

### *Credit risk*

Credit risk is the risk of loss associated with a counterparty's inability to fulfill its payment obligations. The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to receivables, which is mainly comprised of government tax refunds. Management believes that the credit risk concentration with respect to financial instruments included in the receivables is not significant. The Company holds cash and invests it in interest bearing deposit accounts at its financial institution. Management believes that the associated credit risk for its invested cash is low.

### *Liquidity risk*

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they become due. As at June 30, 2025, the Company had cash of \$4,004,428 to settle current liabilities of \$4,025,078. To the extent that the Company does not believe it has sufficient liquidity to meet its

current obligations, the Board of Directors considers securing additional funds through equity or partnering transactions.

#### *Market risk*

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, and equity prices will affect the Company's income or the value of its financial instruments.

(a) Interest rate risk –The Company's current policy is to invest excess cash in either interest bearing deposit accounts or Guaranteed Income Certificates ("GICs") issued by its financial institutions. Management believes it has minimal exposure to interest rate risk.

(b) Foreign exchange risk - The Company transacts certain business in US Dollars and Euro and therefore is subject to foreign exchange risk on certain receivables, trade payables and cash balances. The Company attempts to mitigate these risks by managing its foreign exchange inflows and outflows. No hedging instruments have been used by the Company, however, depending upon the nature and level of future foreign exchange transactions, consideration may be given to the use of hedging instruments. The Company believes that it adequately manages its foreign exchange risk, and the risk is minimal.

The following table shows the net exposures in US dollars and Euro at June 30, 2025.

	<b>US\$</b>	<b>Euro</b>
Cash and deposits	<b>168,309</b>	<b>170,183</b>
Receivables	-	<b>273,158</b>
Trade payables	-	<b>(586,694)</b>
Net currency exposure	<b>168,309</b>	<b>(143,353)</b>

Based on the above currency exposures, a 10% change in the value of each currency to the value of the Canadian dollar would impact the Company's net loss by:

<b>US\$</b>	<b>Euro</b>
<b>16,831</b>	<b>(14,335)</b>

(c) Equity risk – The Company is exposed to market risk because of the fluctuating values of its publicly traded marketable securities. The Company has no control over these fluctuations and does not hedge its investments. Based on the value of the marketable securities at June 30, 2025, every 10% increase or decrease in the share prices of these companies would have impacted the loss for the year, up or down, by approximately \$110,534 (December 31, 2024 - \$125,867).

The Company has identified the following critical accounting policies under which significant judgments, estimates and assumptions are made and where actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions and may materially affect financial results or the financial position reported in future periods:

#### Exploration and evaluation assets

The Company makes certain estimates and assumptions regarding the recoverability of the carrying values of exploration and evaluation assets. These assumptions are changed when conditions exist that indicate that the carrying value may be impaired, at which time an impairment loss is recorded.

#### Receivables

The Company reviews its receivables on a regular basis and makes estimates of any amounts which are not expected to be collected. If such doubt exists, an allowance for doubtful accounts will be recorded.

#### Property and equipment

The Company reviews the estimated useful lives of property and equipment at the end of each reporting period to ensure assumptions are still valid.

#### Share-based payments

The Company makes certain estimates and assumptions when calculating the fair values of stock options and warrants granted. The significant assumptions used include estimates of expected volatility, expected life and the expected risk-free rate of return. Changes in these assumptions may result in a material change to the expense recorded for the issuance of stock options and warrants.

#### Functional currency

The Company has determined the functional currency of each entity is the Canadian dollar. Determination of functional currency may involve certain judgments to determine the primary economic environment, and the Company reconsiders the functional currency of its entities if there is a change in events and conditions which determined the primary economic environment.

#### Going concern

The Company must assess its ability to continue as a going concern. Factors that affect this determination include current cash and investments, budgeted expenditures for future periods and the conditions of the market for exploration companies.

#### **Management's Responsibility for Financial Statements**

The Board of Directors carries out its responsibility for the consolidated financial statements primarily through the audit committee, which is composed primarily of independent, non-executive directors who meet periodically with management and auditors to review financial reporting and internal control matters.

#### **Risks and Uncertainties**

The Company is principally involved in mineral exploration which is an inherently high-risk activity. Exploration is also capital intensive, and the Company has no sources of funding other than exploration partner financing arrangements with other mining and exploration companies and equity financing. Only the skills of management and staff in mineral exploration and exploration financing serve to mitigate these risks. The ability of the Company to continue operations into the future is dependent upon continuing to obtain favourable results from its exploration activities, which will affect its ability to attract partners and to raise financing.

The Company is currently evaluating its properties and looking for new business opportunities and has a risk of not finding any property or investment that may lead to profitable operations. There can be no assurances that the shareholders will realize any profits from their investment in the Company and may lose their entire investment.

Although the Company has taken steps to verify title to mineral properties in which it has an interest, in accordance with industry standards for the current stage of exploration of such properties, these procedures do not guarantee the Company's title. Property title may be subject to unregistered prior agreements or transfers and may be affected by undetected defects. Exploration activity is also dependent on the laws of local governments which may change from time to time and may have an effect on the Company's exploration programs.



**Additional Information**

The Company's shares are traded on the TSX Venture Exchange under the stock symbol AU and on the OTCQX Market in the United States under the symbol AIRRF. Financial statements, press releases issued by the Company and all other regulatory filings, including those issued during the six months ended June 30, 2025, are available through [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).