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#### Amended Announcement - Minerals Critical for the **Energy Transition**

Aurora Energy Metals Limited (Aurora or the Company) (ASX:1AE) has released a corrected version of the Investor Presentation released on 8 February 2022.

The Company has added references on relevant pages citing previous ASX announcements to improve clarity. Additionally, the diagram on page 12 has been amended to remove the reference to the historical Cordex Uranium Discovery.

The previous version should be disregarded.

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Aurora Energy Metals is an ASX-listed company focused on the exploration and development of its flagship, the 100 per cent owned Aurora Energy Metals Project in south-east Oregon, USA. Boasting the USA's largest, mineable, measured and indicated uranium deposit (MRE: 107.3Mt @ 214ppm U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> for 50.6 Mlbs U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>) with known lithium mineralisation in lakebed sediments above and surrounding the welldefined uranium deposit, the Company's vision is to supply minerals that are critical to the USA's energy transition









# Minerals critical for the energy transition

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- 16 May 2022 Prospectus
- 16 June 2022 Encouraging lithium assays received
- 27 September 2022 Aurora Energy Metals Project Update
- 19 October 2022 Drilling to Commence at Aurora Energy Metals Project
- 23 November 2022 34% Increase in Total Uranium Resource to 50.6 Mlbs Maiden Measured Resource Declared at Aurora Uranium Deposit
- 17 January 2023 Thick Lithium & Uranium Zones Returned Maiden Drill Program

This announcement has been authorised for release on the ASX by Greg Cochran, Managing Director.





## Unique Uranium & Lithium Focus

A project with uranium and lithium mineralisation in separate geological horizons

## Minerals critical for the energy transition

Sense of urgency in the USA for domestic supply of uranium & lithium, with bi-partisan support

# Exploration underway, significant testwork programs planned

Uranium & lithium exploration, metallurgical testwork and studies planned

## Experienced board and management

Extensive industry experience with a history of project development and value accretion

#### Corporate Overview



Well funded advanced explorer with a tight capital structure

Capital Structure (on an undiluted basis, as at 3 February 2023)

1AE

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142.6m

Shares on Issue (inc. 19.9m escrowed)

**A\$22M** 

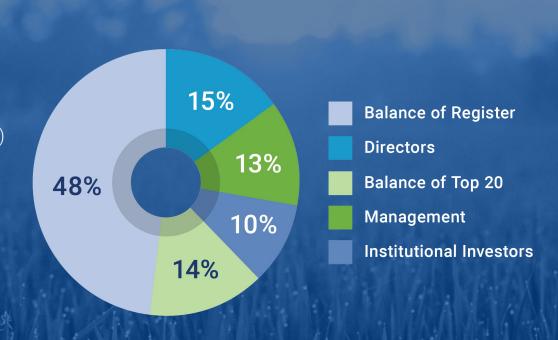
Market Cap (at A\$0.155 per share)

8.8m

Options (6m @ \$0.20; rest at \$0.30)

**~A\$2.1M**Cash (as at 31 December 2022)

~A\$20m
Enterprise Value





# Board & Management

Extensive industry experience with a history of project development and value accretion



A mining engineer with over 40 years' industry experience. Has held senior executive positions with North Ltd, Newcrest Mining Limited, Oxiana/Oz Minerals Limited and Citadel Resource Group Limited. Peter's experience covers operations, projects and business development and general corporate activities including financial services.

He has served on several ASX listed and private mining boards and is currently Non-Executive Chairman of White Rock Minerals Ltd and Helix Resources Ltd and previously of Kidman Resources Ltd and Doray Minerals Ltd.

Peter is a member of the AICD and the AusIMM and holds a B.E. (Mining hons).



A highly experienced international mining executive with over 30 years' experience in technical and commercial roles, general management and executive positions globally.

Most recently, Greg was CEO of Reward Minerals and prior to that Managing Director of Namibian-focussed uranium developer Deep Yellow Limited (2011-16). He has extensive uranium experience, having also spent four years with Uranium One Inc (2006-09).

He is a graduate member of the AICD and a Fellow of the AusIMM. He holds a MSc. in Mining Engineering and Mineral Economics from the University of the Witwatersrand and an MBA from Cranfield School of Management (UK).



Mr Cooke has over 30 years' experience in resource exploration and mining throughout Australia and internationally, initially as part of BHP Minerals Business Development Group and the last 20 years managing public resource companies as part of the Mitchell River Group (MRG).

MRG successfully incubated numerous resource companies and developed mining operations over the past twenty years, including Sally Malay Mining (now Panoramic Resources), Albidon, Mirabela Nickel and Exco Resources.

He holds a first-class honours degree in Geology and a bachelor's degree in Science from the University of Western Australia and is a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists.



A member of CPA Australia who graduated from the University of Western Australia in 2008 with a Bachelor of Economics. Majored in International Business Economics and Money and Banking.

Project Location and Highlights

Aurora Energy Metals Project

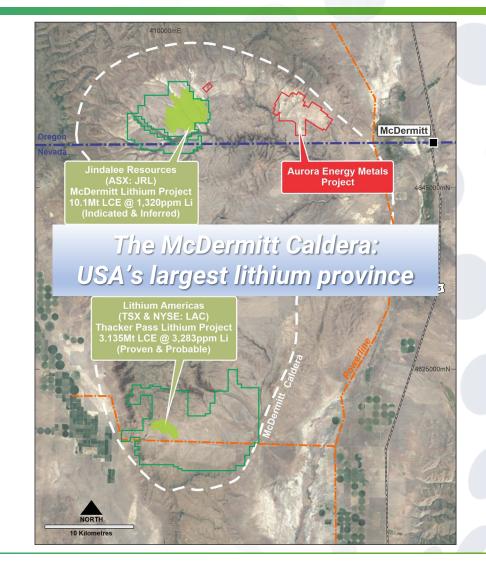
- One of the largest, well defined uranium deposit in the USA.
- Measured, Indicated & Inferred Uranium Mineral Resource of 107.3Mt @ 214 ppm  $U_3O_8$  for 50.6Mlb  $U_3O_8$ .
- Confirmed lithium mineralisation in sediments overlying and surrounding the uranium resource.
- Close to the two largest US lithium projects.
- Proximal to Tesla's Gigafactory 1, near Reno, Nevada.
- Excellent infrastructure.
- Low-risk jurisdiction with bipartisan support for minerals critical to the world's energy transition.
- Well understood regulatory and permitting process with State and Federal agencies.



#### Aurora Energy Metals Project ("AEMP") Geological Overview



- On federal land within the McDermitt Caldera, the USA's largest lithium province.
- Uranium Mineral Resource in shallow volcanics with high grade core at unconformity, 18Mt @ 485 ppm  $U_3O_8$  for 19.2 Mlb  $U_3O_8$ .
- Lithium mineralisation hosted in lakebed sediments above and surrounding the uranium resource (e.g. 9.1m @ 2,414 ppm Li from 21.9m, 7.3m @ 2,431 ppm Li from 50.3m).
- Lakebed sediments thicken (~200m) in all directions beyond the uranium resource.
- Lithium mineralisation similar to the US's largest lithium deposits, such as Jindalee Resources' McDermitt Li Project<sup>1</sup> (ASX:JRL, Indicated & Inferred MRE 1.43Bt at 1,320ppm Li for 10.1Mt LCE).
- Potential for two geologically separate resources to be delineated and developed, providing commodity diversification and economies of scale.

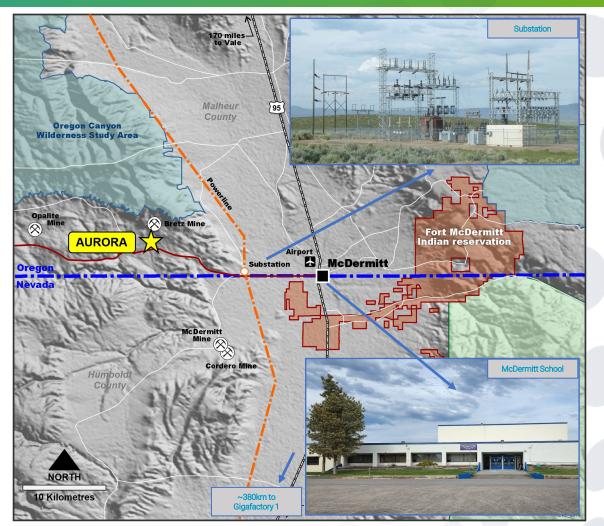


1. Refer Jindalee Resources ASX Announcement 8 April 2021

#### AEMP – Uranium and Project Infrastructure



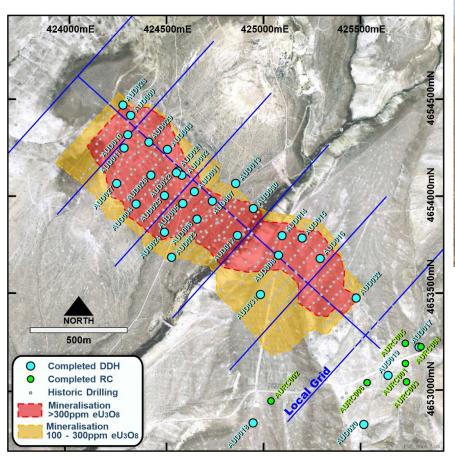
- Volcanic-hosted deposit, discovered in 1979, within a historic mining district.
- Over 600 drillholes completed, plus extensive metallurgical testwork and studies.
- Near surface, flat-lying geometry amenable to very low strip ratio open-pit mining.
- Low-cost mining possible due to free-dig lake sediment overburden.
- Majority of uranium contained within fine fraction, amenable to low-cost scrubbing and screening upgrades.
- Excellent infrastructure, offering tangible ESG advantages:
  - low-cost renewable power
  - hydro-electricity, 2022 YTD price: US\$ 6.5 c/kWh
  - McDermitt town nearby
  - sealed roads to within 12km of deposit.



**Excellent infrastructure** 

#### AEMP – Uranium







Earlier, uranium only conceptual layout<sup>1</sup>

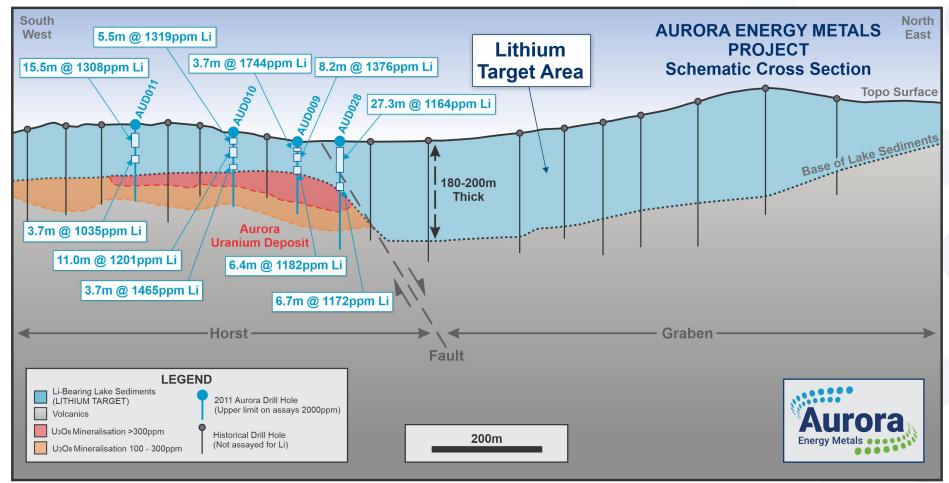
- Previous studies demonstrated a conventional open pit mine<sup>2</sup>:
  - Shallow, low-strip ratio operation.
  - Overburden potentially free-dig.
- On-site full or partial processing plants<sup>2</sup>.
- Overburden is mineralised lakebed lithium sediments, which when removed could be stockpiled and processed later<sup>2</sup>.

- 1. ASX Announcement 19 May 2022 Investor Presentation
- 2. ASX Announcement 16 May 2022 Prospectus

#### AEMP – Uranium <u>and</u> Lithium



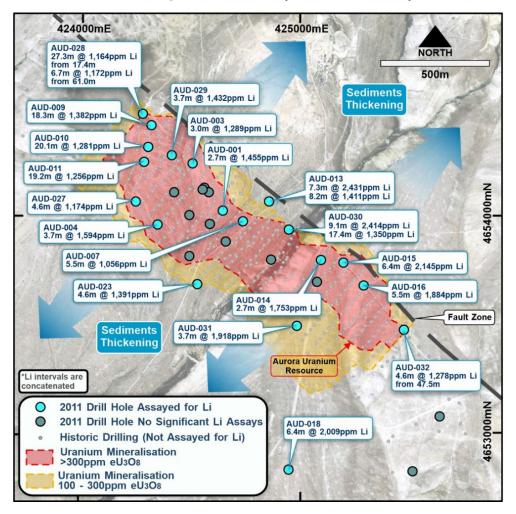
- Historically, uranium was the *only* target from the 1970's, although lithium was known to occur in the area<sup>1</sup>
- 1AE's 2010 diamond core holes were therefore subsequently assayed for lithium, with encouraging results<sup>2</sup>

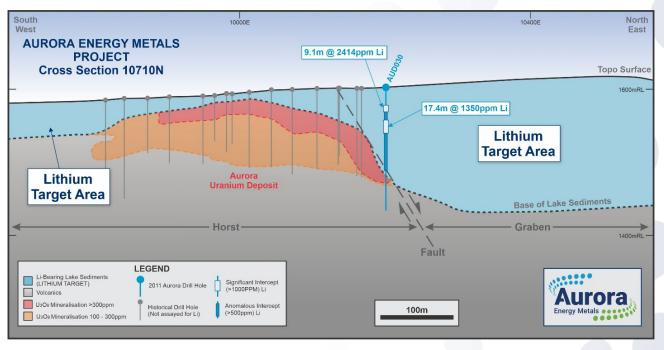


#### AEMP - Lithium



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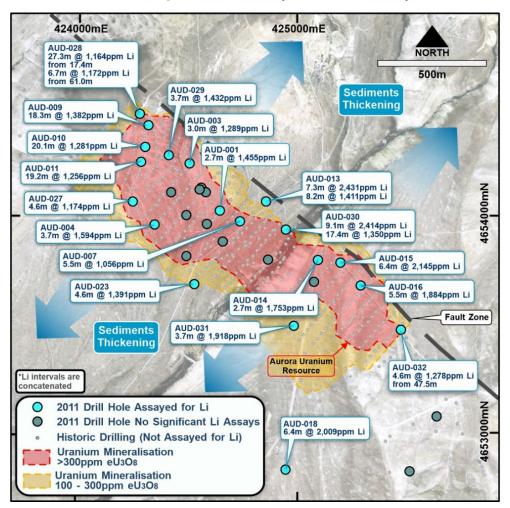


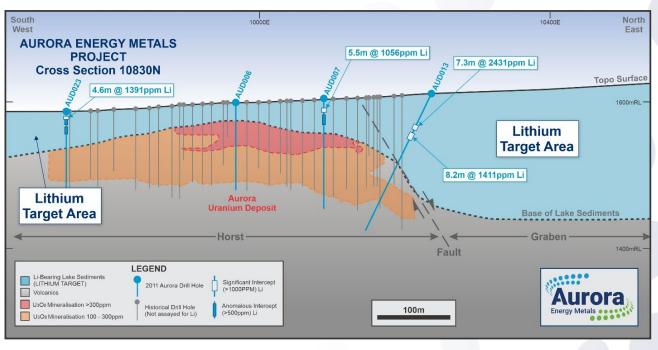
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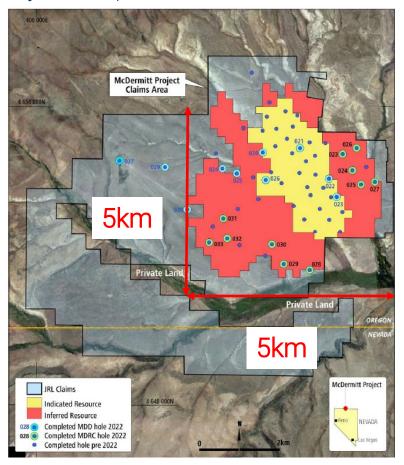


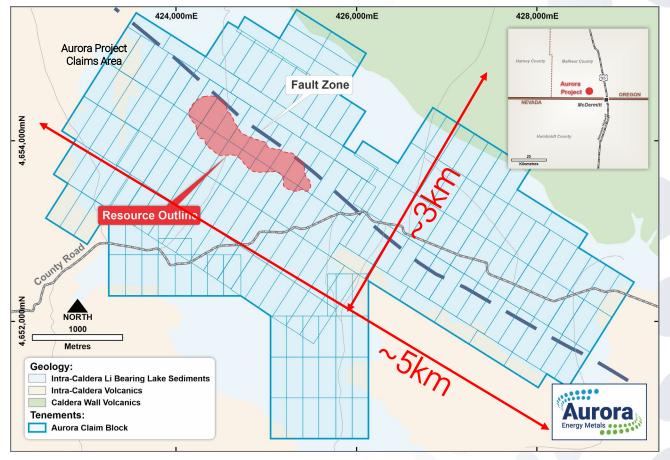
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#### AEMP – Lithium Exploration Potential



• AEMP's current claim area is similar in size to Jindalee's McDermitt Lithium Project and the Aurora Uranium Deposit is only a small part of the claim area



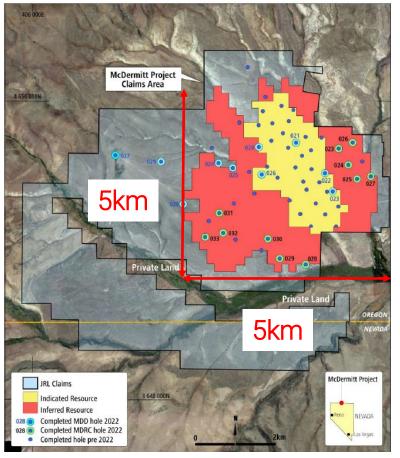


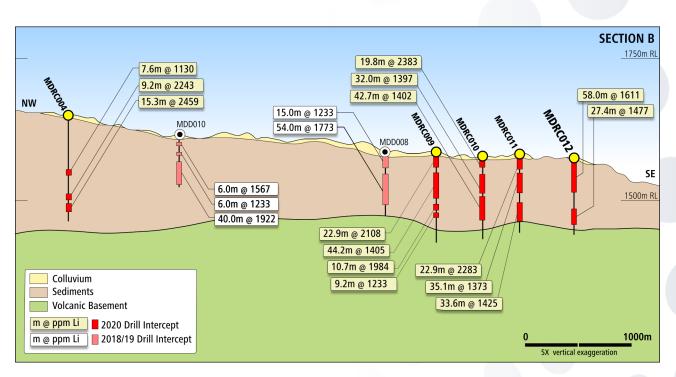
Source: Jindalee Resources ASX Announcement 14 December 2022 - OUTSTANDING FINAL ASSAYS FROM 2022 DRILLING PROGRAM AT McDERMITT LITHIUM PROJECT, USA

#### McDermitt Lithium Project - Jindalee



• Jindalee's exploration program has demonstrated that lithium is present in wide intersections from close to/at surface to depths of well over 100 metres<sup>1</sup>





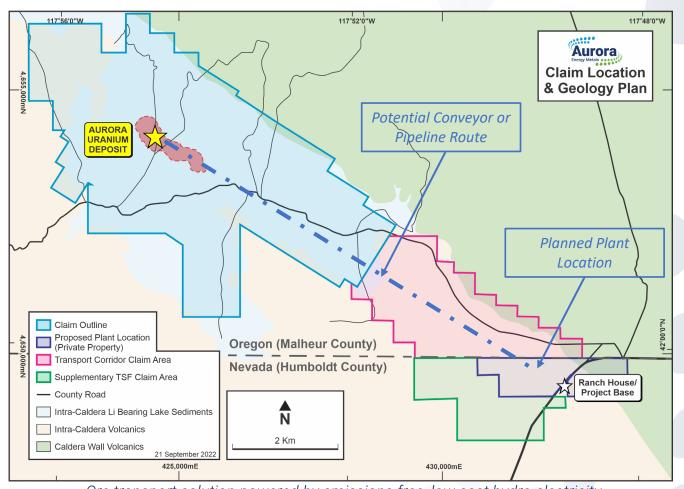
A typical McDermitt Project Cross Section<sup>1</sup>

Source: Jindalee Resources ASX Announcement 14 December 2022 - OUTSTANDING FINAL ASSAYS FROM 2022 DRILLING PROGRAM AT McDERMITT LITHIUM PROJECT, USA

#### Plant to be located in Nevada, on private property



- 410-acre private property purchased in Nevada for plant and related infrastructure<sup>1</sup>.
- Nevada is a top tier mining jurisdiction.
- Property serviced by excellent infrastructure close to the Project.
- Offers tangible environmental, permitting and operational advantages.
- Hydroelectricity, US\$ 6.5 cents/kWh<sup>2</sup>
- Ranch house purchased for Project Operations base.
- Additional claims staked to extend area of lakebed sediments.
- Claims also staked leading back to Nevada & in Nevada for transport corridor<sup>1</sup>.



Ore transport solution powered by emissions free, low cost hydro-electricity

#### Mineral Resource upgrade announced on 23 November 2022



#### Highlights1

- 12.7 Mlb (34%) Increase in Total Uranium Mineral Resource to 50.6 Mlb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>.
- Maiden Measured Mineral Resource Declared.
- Grade of the High-Grade Zone increased by 10%, to 485 ppm U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>.
- 90% of existing Indicated Mineral Resource converted to the Measured Category.
- 91% of 19.2 Mlb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> High Grade Zone (17.5 Mlb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>) classified as Measured.
- Over 82% of the Mineral Resource now in the Measured and Indicated Category.
- Open along strike and to the northwest, drilling underway.
- Unquestionably one of the largest uranium deposits in the USA.

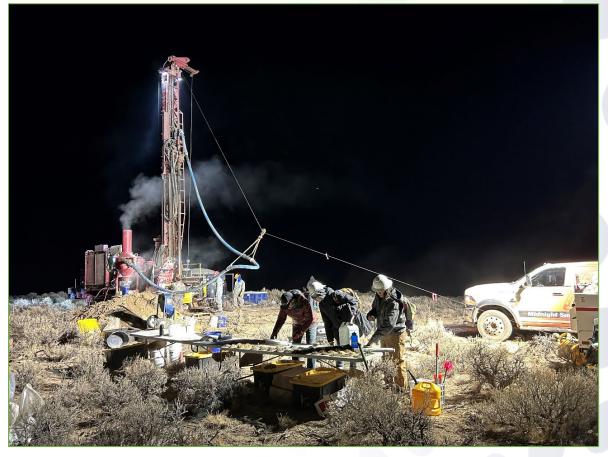
See ASX Release dated 23 November 2022, titled:

"34% Increase in Total Uranium Resource to 50.6 Mlbs, Maiden Measured Resource Declared at Aurora Uranium Deposit"

#### Thick lithium and uranium zones in maiden drill program



- Phase 1, 17-hole RC/DDH program for ~3,414m<sup>1</sup>.
- Program targeting uranium extension & testing aerial extent of lithium lakebed sediments<sup>1</sup>.
- Thick uranium intersections from geophysical logging<sup>1</sup>:
  - 34.1m @ 610ppm eU<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>
  - ~3x the existing mineral resource grade
- Wide zones of lithium bearing clays<sup>1</sup>:
  - 19.8m @ 1,206ppm Li (0.26% Li<sub>2</sub>0)
  - 24.4m @ 1,138ppm Li (0.25% Li<sub>2</sub>0)
  - 19.8m @ 1,298ppm Li (0.28% Li<sub>2</sub>0)
- Total holes planned in Phase 1 & 2 program<sup>1</sup>:
  - RC holes 47
  - Diamond 21
- Approvals currently being processed<sup>1</sup>.



First hole to be drilled since 2011 program

#### Work Plan – Uranium News flow





- Phase 2 DOGAMI diamond drill permit approvals for existing uranium resource area (Q1 CY2023).
- Assays results from drill program (Q1 CY2023).
- Release results of metallurgical testwork review (Q1 CY2023).
- DD program to generate core for metallurgical testwork (H1 CY2023).
- Metallurgical testwork (H1 CY2023)
- Scoping/Pre-Feasibility Study (H1/H2 2023).



Current drilling program

#### Work Plan – Lithium News flow





- Phase 2 DOGAMI RC drill permit approvals to extend area of known mineralisation (Q1 CY2023).
- Assays results from drill program (Q1 CY2023).
- Drill program (H1 CY2023).
- Define lithium exploration target (assuming success from drill program) (H1 CY2023).
- Preliminary metallurgical testwork (H1 CY2023).
- Targeting maiden lithium mineral resource (H1 CY2023).



Current drilling program



### Investment Proposition









Four key reasons to invest in Aurora Energy Metals Minerals critical to the USA's energy transition Large, advanced uranium project with significant blue sky lithium potential Accelerated, dualstream work program underway Deeply experienced, quality management team





## Appendices

#### Uranium Resource Summary



	Measured			Indicated			Inferred			Total		
Resource Zone	Mt	U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	Mlb U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	Mt	U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	Mlb U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	Mt	U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	Mlb U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	Mt	U₃O <sub>8</sub> ppm	Mlb U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>
High Grade Zone <sup>1</sup>	16.3	487	17.5	1.6	467	1.6	0.1	425	0.1	18.0	485	19.2
Low Grade Zone <sup>2</sup>	43.2	162	15.4	19.8	161	7.0	26.3	155	9.0	89.3	160	31.5
Total	59.5	251	32.9	21.4	184	8.7	26.4	157	9.1	107.3	214	50.6

- 1. High grade zone estimated using a 300 ppm U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> cut-off
- 2. Low grade zone estimated using a 100 ppm U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> cut-off
- 3. Appropriate rounding applied

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