

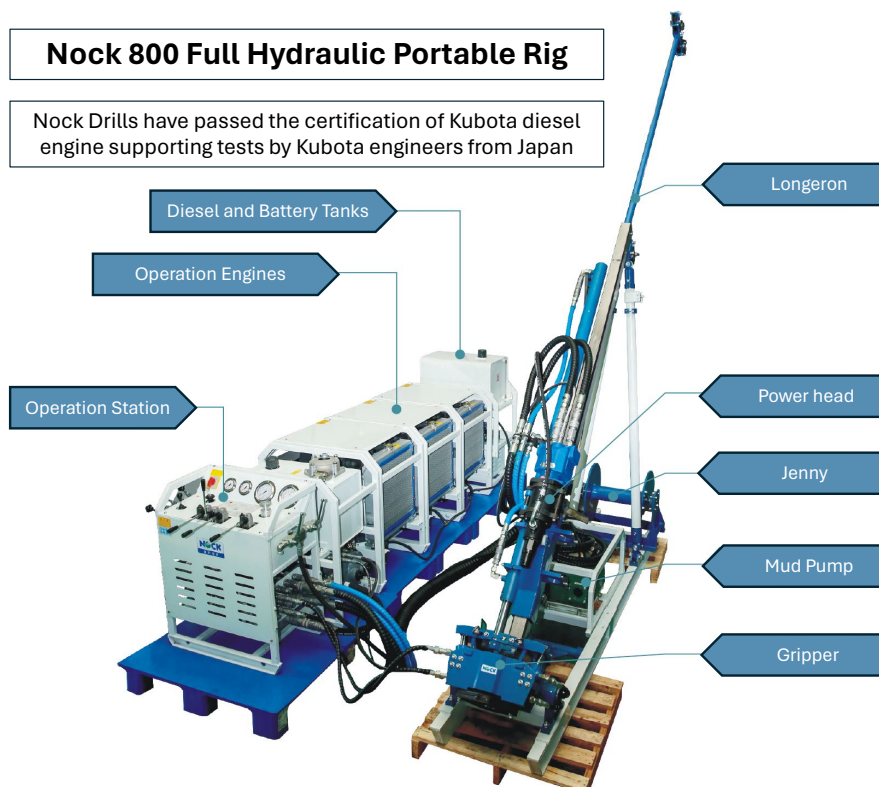
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Aurum purchases third diamond drill rig to expedite Côte d'Ivoire gold exploration

Aurum Resources Limited (ACN 650 477 286) (ASX: AUE) (**Aurum** or the **Company**) is pleased to advise the Company has purchased a third diamond drill rig and accessories to expedite exploration at its Boundiali Gold Project in Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa.

Aurum acquired two existing Nock 600 diamond drill rigs through its acquisition of Plusor Global Pty Ltd late last year. Over the past five months, these two diamond drill rigs have drilled more than 9000m of diamond holes at the two exploration tenements of the Boundiali Gold Project.

Aurum's new rig, a Nock 800, is more powerful than previous models, and is deemed to be better adapted to the thick, gold-bearing oxidized layers prevailing at the Boundiali Gold Project area.



The third diamond drill rig and accessories together with drilling consumables/spare parts are scheduled to depart Shanghai Port in China on 6 March 2024, shipping to Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire within six weeks.

Together with the existing Nock 600 rigs, Aurum will accelerate exploration progress at the Boundiali Gold Project to work towards Aurum's goal of delivering maiden JORC resource by the end of 2024.

Aurum's newly appointed Managing Director Dr. Caigen Wang commented: *"Our Côte d'Ivoire exploration team has the management experience of operating eight diamond drill rigs on a single gold project with a record performance of achieving more than 13,000m drilling in a month and more than 2400m from one rig within that period. With the addition of the more powerful Nock 800 rig to our two existing Nock 600 rigs, we are more confident in achieving our 30,000m of diamond drilling in 2024, as we target maiden JORC resources in late 2024.*

"This powerful rig also provides us capacity to test depth gold mineralisation at the Boundiali Gold Project, where our recent drilling and historical drilling data both indicated gold mineralisation extends towards depth in fresh rock under thick gold bearing oxidized layers."

This Announcement has been approved for release by the Board of Aurum Resources Limited.