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Aurum signs MoU with SANY Heavy Equipment Co

Aurum Resources Limited (ASX: AUE) ("Aurum") is pleased to announce it has signed a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") with Sany Heavy Equipment Co., Ltd ("SANY"), a leading global manufacturer of construction and mining equipment.

Highlights

- Non-binding MoU with SANY to provide framework for potential strategic cooperation
- MoU to focus on mining equipment procurement and financing
- All development options remain open for Aurum as it looks to deliver a PFS for its Boundiali Gold Project by end CY2025.

Aurum's Managing Director Dr. Caigen Wang said: *"We are pleased to sign this MoU with SANY, which marks the beginning of a potentially mutually beneficial relationship. This agreement allows Aurum to explore a range of innovative solutions for our mining operations, ensuring we can optimise efficiency and productivity."*

"We look forward to working with SANY and leveraging its team's expertise to enhance our project development strategy for our 1.6Moz Gold Resource at the Boundiali Gold Project and the 0.87Moz Napié Gold Project."

The MoU provides a framework for the two parties to explore potential strategic cooperation in mining equipment procurement and financing for Aurum's potential future mining operations, including the Boundiali and Napié Gold Projects in Côte d'Ivoire.

The MoU allows Aurum freedom to assess all development options for its projects, including owner-operator and contract mining models. This will enable Aurum to determine the most effective and efficient mining operation format for its projects, with flexible financing structures for mining fleet needs as it works to deliver a PFS for Boundiali by the end of CY2025.

It is important to note that the MoU is non-binding and does not constitute a legally binding agreement. Aurum will continue to evaluate all available options for any future mining operations and will update the market as appropriate.

About SANY:

SANY is a global leader in the manufacturing of construction, mining, and port machinery, as well as oil drilling machinery and renewable wind energy systems. The company generated annual sales revenue of c.US\$19 billion in 2024.

In West Africa, SANY trucks are being used at

- Zhaojin's Abujar Gold Mine in Côte D'Ivoire



- Robex's Kiniero project in Guinea
- [Simandou iron project by Simfer in Guinea](#)
- Tonkolili iron ore mine in Sierra Leone by BCM

Apart from West Africa, SANY's mining trucks have been widely used in China and globally. The list below shows some of mining operations using SANY mining trucks:

- Zijin Bisha zinc-gold mine in Eritrea
- Zijin Rosebel Gold Mine in Suriname
- Marcona Iron Mine in Peru (Shougang Peru Iron Mine)
- Tavan Tolgoi Coal Mine in Mongolia
- Kibali Gold Mine in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Barrick Gold)
- Vale Minas Itabirito Mine in Brazil
- Casa de Pedra and Engenho Mines - CSN (Brazilian Steel National)
- Almarek Copper Mine, Enter Engineering in Uzbekistan
- Bosai Mining's BMGG Bauxite in Guyana
- Morocco Phosphate's OCP Phosphate Mine
- Wan Guo Mining's Gold Ridge Gold Mine in Solomon

Learn more on SANY's website: www.sanygroup.com.



Figure 1: SANY and Aurum signing MoU in Shenyang, China, SANY's heavy equipment manufacturing base



Figure 2: Aurum's Managing Director Dr Caigen Wang inspected SANY's mining truck factory

This update has been authorised by the Board of Aurum Resources Limited.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This ASX release contains forward-looking statements about Aurum Resources Limited's exploration activities, drilling programs, and potential Mineral Resource Estimate at the Boundiali and Napié Gold Projects. These statements are based on current expectations and are subject to risks and uncertainties inherent in mineral exploration and mining. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include exploration risks, drilling results, resource estimation, gold prices, operational risks, regulatory changes, and broader economic conditions. Investors should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

COMPETENT PERSONS STATEMENT

The information in this release that relates to Exploration Targets and Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Mr Mark Strizek, a Competent Person who is a Member of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Strizek has been a non-executive Director of the Company since 1 February 2024 and joined as an executive Director on 1 June 2024. Mr Strizek has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Strizek consents to the inclusion in the announcement of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears. Additionally, Mr Strizek confirms that the entity is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information contained in the ASX releases referred to in this presentation.

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

The information in this report that relates to Boundiali Mineral Resources is extracted from the announcement "Aurum delivers 1.6Moz Maiden JORC Resource at Boundiali Gold Project" released to the Australian Securities Exchange on 30 December 2024 and amended on 31 December 2024 and available to view on www.asx.com.au. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

The information in this report that relates to Napié Mineral Resources is extracted from the announcement "Mako Delivers 868koz Maiden Resource to Provide Strong Growth Platform at Napié" released to the Australian Securities Exchange on 14 June 2022 and available to view on www.asx.com.au. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

This report contains information extracted from ASX market announcements reported in accordance with the 2012 edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves" ("2012 JORC Code") and available for viewing at www.asx.com.au and includes results reported previously and published on ASX platform:

23 Jan 2025, Change in substantial holding for MKG (ASX:AUE)
9 Jan 2025, Best and Final offer for Mako Gold Limited (ASX:AUE)
31 Dec 2024, Boundiali Project Maiden Resource delivers 1.6 Moz (amended) (ASX:AUE)
30 Dec 2024, Boundiali Gold Project Maiden Resource delivers 1.6 Moz (ASX:AUE)
24 Dec 2024, Change in substantial holding for MKG (ASX:AUE)
23 Dec 2024, AUE achieves in excess of 95% gold recoveries from Boundiali (ASX:AUE)
18 Dec 2024, Aurum hits 277 g/t gold at Boundiali BM Target 3
13 Dec 2024, Change Of Directors and Addition of Joint Company Secretary (ASX:AUE & ASX:MKG)
6 Dec 2024, AUE receives firm commitments for A\$10 million placement (ASX:AUE)
29 Nov 2024, Aurum earns 80% interest in Boundiali BM tenement (ASX:AUE)
28 Nov 2024, AUE appoints Mr. Steve Zaninovich as Non-Executive Director (ASX:AUE)
22 Nov 2024, AUE Declares Takeover Offer for all MKG Shares Unconditional (ASX:AUE)
15 Nov 2024, Supplementary Bidders Statement (ASX:AUE)
11 Nov 2024, Aurum hits 36 g/t gold at BM T1 of 2.5km strike (ASX:AUE)
30 Oct 2024, Bidders Statement (ASX:AUE)
16 Oct 2024, Recommended Takeover of Mako Gold By Aurum Resources (ASX:AUE)
09 Sep 2024, Aurum earns 51% interest in Boundiali BM tenement (ASX:AUE)
05 Sep 2024, AUE hits 40m at 1.03 g/t gold at Boundiali BD Target 1 (ASX:AUE)
03 Sep 2024, Boundiali South Exploration Licence Renewed (ASX:AUE)
07 Aug 2024, Aurum to advance met studies for Boundiali Gold Project (ASX:AUE)
22 July 2024, Prelim metallurgical tests deliver up to 99% gold recovery (ASX:AUE)
17 June 2024, Aurum hits 69m at 1.05 g/t gold at Boundiali BD Target 1 (ASX:AUE)
28 May 2024, AUE hits 163 g/t gold in 12m @ 14.56 g/t gold at BD Target 1 (ASX:AUE)
24 May 2024, Aurum hits 74m @ 1.0 g/t gold at Boundiali BD Target 2 (ASX:AUE)
15 May 2024, Aurum expands Boundiali Gold Project footprint (ASX:AUE)
10 May 2024, AUE hits 90m @ 1.16 g/t gold at Boundiali BD Target 1 (ASX:AUE)
01 May 2024, Aurum Appoints Country Manager in Côte d'Ivoire (ASX:AUE)
23 April 2024, AUE drilling hits up to 45 g/t gold at Boundiali BD Target 2 (ASX:AUE)



19 March 2024, AUE signs binding term sheet for 100% of Boundiali South (ASX:AUE)
12 March 2024, AUE hits 73m at 2.15g/t incl 1m at 72g/t gold at Boundiali (ASX:AUE)
01 March 2024, Aurum hits 4m at 22 g/t gold in Boundiali diamond drilling (ASX:AUE)
22 January 2024, Aurum hits shallow, wide gold intercepts at Boundiali, Côte d'Ivoire (ASX: AUE)
21 December 2023, Rapid Drilling at Boundiali Gold Project (ASX:AUE)
21 November 2023, AUE Acquisition Presentation (ASX:AUE)
21 June 2021, Notice of General Meeting/Proxy Form (MSR.ASX)
21 May 2021, PlusOr to Acquire 6194 sq kms Ground Position in Côte d'Ivoire (MSR.ASX)
22 August 2019, Boundiali RC Drill Results Continue to Impress (PDI.ASX)
15 July 2019, RC, Trench Results Grow Boundiali Potential In Côte D'Ivoire (PDI.ASX)
27 May 2019, New Drill Results Strengthen Boundiali Project Côte D'Ivoire (PDI.ASX)
16 January 2019, PDI-Toro JV Sharpens Focus with Major Drilling Program (PDI.ASX)
26 November 2018, Boundiali North - Large Coherent Gold Anomalies in 14km Zone (PDI.ASX)

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the previous announcements.

About Aurum

Aurum Resources (ASX:AUE) is an Australian based gold exploration company focused on discovery and development of major gold projects in Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa. Aurum has 2.47Moz gold resources coming from two gold projects, the 1.6Moz Boundiali Gold Project and the 0.87Moz Napié Gold Project. Aurum owns and runs eight (8) diamond drill rigs allowing it to explore faster and more cost effectively than its peers.

Statement of Boundiali Mineral Resources by Deposit as at 29 December 2024. Reported at 0.5 g/t Au cut off within pit shells; and 1.0 g/t Au cut off below the pit shells¹

Area	Class	Oxide			Transition			Fresh			Total		
		Quantity (Mt)	Au (g/t)	Au (Oz)	Quantity (Mt)	Au (g/t)	Au (KOz)	Quantity (Mt)	Au (g/t)	Au (KOz)	Quantity (Mt)	Au (g/t)	Au (KOz)
BST	Indicated	0.8	1.1	30,000	0.7	1.2	30,000	2.4	1.0	80,000	3.9	1.1	130,000
	Inferred	0.6	1.0	20,000	1.3	1.0	40,000	5.1	1.0	160,000	7.1	1.0	220,000
	Sub Total	1.4	1.1	50,000	2.0	1.0	70,000	7.6	1.0	240,000	11.0	1.0	360,000
BDT1	Indicated												
	Inferred	0.8	0.9	20,000	0.3	0.9	10,000	10.8	0.9	310,000	11.9	0.9	340,000
	Sub Total	0.8	0.9	20,000	0.3	0.9	10,000	10.8	0.9	310,000	11.9	0.9	340,000
BDT2	Indicated												
	Inferred	0.1	0.8	3,000	2.1	0.8	60,000	14.1	0.8	380,000	16.3	0.8	440,000
	Sub Total	0.1	0.8	3,000	2.1	0.8	60,000	14.1	0.8	380,000	16.3	0.8	440,000
BMT1	Indicated												
	Inferred	0.3	1.0	10,000	0.1	1.0	3,000	7.1	1.3	288,000	7.5	1.2	300,000
	Sub Total	0.3	1.0	10,000	0.1	1.0	3,000	7.1	1.3	288,000	7.5	1.2	300,000
BMT3	Indicated												
	Inferred	0.2	1.1	10,000	0.3	1.1	10,000	3.8	1.1	130,000	4.2	1.1	150,000
	Sub Total	0.2	1.1	10,000	0.3	1.1	10,000	3.8	1.1	130,000	4.2	1.1	150,000
All	Indicated	0.8	1.2	30,000	0.7	1.3	30,000	2.4	1.0	80,000	3.9	1.0	130,000
	Inferred	2.0	1.0	60,000	4.1	0.9	120,000	40.8	1.0	1,270,000	47.0	1.0	1,450,000
	Total	2.8	1.0	90,000	4.8	1.0	150,000	43.3	1.0	1,350,000	50.9	1.0	1,590,000

Napié Mineral Resource Estimate; On 14 June 2022, a maiden Mineral Resource Estimate was reported in accordance with JORC (2012) comprising two deposits, Tchaga and Gogbala.²

Deposit	Category	Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t Au)	Au (koz)
Tchaga	Inferred	14.6	1.16	545
Gogbala	Inferred	7.8	1.29	323
Global Resource	Total	22.5	1.20	868

Resources reported at a cut-off grade of 0.6g/t gold. Differences may occur in totals due to rounding.

¹ "Aurum delivers 1.6Moz Maiden JORC Resource at Boundiali Gold Project" released to the Australian Securities Exchange on 30 December 2024 and amended on 31 December 2024 and available to view on www.asx.com.au.

² "Mako Delivers 868koz Maiden Resource to Provide Strong Growth Platform at Napié" released to the Australian Securities Exchange on 14 June 2022 and available to view on www.asx.com.au.

Boundiali Gold Project (1.6Moz)

The flagship 1.6Moz Boundiali Gold Project is comprised of four neighbouring exploration tenements and is located within the same greenstone belt as Resolute's large Syama (11.5Moz) gold mine and Perseus' Sissingue (1.4 Moz) gold mine to the north and Montage Gold's 4.5Moz Koné project located to the south. Barrick's Tongon mine (5.0Moz) is located to the northeast (Figure 3):

- 1) Boundiali Minex Tenement PR0893 ("**BM**"), 400km², holder Minex West Africa, of which Aurum holds 80% (through its fully owned subsidiary Plusor Global Pty Ltd "Plusor") and can hold interest of between 80-88% in a mining licence.
- 2) Boundiali DS tenement PR808 ("**BD**"), 260km², holder DS Resources Joint Venture Company, of which Aurum is 80% share capital owner through its fully owned subsidiary Plusor.
- 3) Boundiali South tenement PR414 ("**BST**"), 167.34km² is located directly south of Aurum's **BD** and **BM** tenement. The **BST** exploration tenement was renewed on 19th August 2024. Predictive Discovery Côte d'Ivoire SARL (89% owned by Turaco Gold Limited and 11% owned by Predictive Discovery Limited) agreed to sell 100% interest to Aurum, subject to Aurum obtaining a renewal of the Boundiali South tenement (or the granting of a replacement tenement) and being satisfied that the terms of the renewal (or replacement) do not restrict exploration or potential future mining rights, along with all required Government approvals.
- 4) Boundiali North tenement PR283 ("**BN**"), 208.87km², under renewal, Aurum to earn up to 70% interest through its wholly owned subsidiary Plusor.

BM gold project JV

Plusor has earned 80% interest through drilling 8,000m and spending US\$2.5M accumulated exploration expenditure.

- Completed drilling 4,000m diamond holes to earn 30% interest
- Completed drilling a further 4,000m diamond holes to earn accumulated 51% interest
- Earned an accumulated 80% interest from a total exploration expenditure of US\$2.5M using a nominal diamond drilling cost of US\$140/m in calculation for expenditure commitment.
- 80-88% interest in future gold production company (Government gets 10% free carry from local partner):
 - 80% if local partner contributes 11% capex
 - 85% if local partner does not contribute capex – they go to 5% free carry
 - 88% if local partner sells us 3% of their interest they go to 2% free carry

BD gold project JV

Plusor owns 80% interest acquired from DS Joint Venture Company's two shareholders:

- acquired 45% share capital of DS Joint Venture Company Sarl by paying US\$430,000 to DS Resources Sarl; and
- acquired 35% share capital of DS Joint Venture Company Sarl from Turaco Gold Ltd by drilling 3,500m diamond holes in Turaco's other gold projects in Côte d'Ivoire. This commitment has been completed.

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BST gold project consideration and payment for the binding term sheet

- Purchase of the tenement is subject to Aurum obtaining a renewal of the **BST** tenement (or the granting of a replacement) and being satisfied that the terms of the renewal (or replacement permit) do not restrict exploration or potential future mining rights, along with required Government approvals
- Within 15 business days of the satisfaction (or waiver) of the conditions precedent above, the Seller will, by written notice to the Purchaser, elect to receive **one** of the following forms of consideration (**Election**):
 - (i) A\$800,000 in cash (**Cash Consideration**); or
 - (ii) If the 20-day volume weighted average trading price of Shares (**VWAP**) is:
 - *Less than or equal to A\$0.20 at the time of the Election, 5,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares in the Purchaser (Shares) (Consideration Shares 1); or*
 - *Greater than A\$0.20 at the time of the Election, Shares to a value of A\$1.2 million, as determined by dividing A\$1.2 million by the 20-day VWAP for the Shares (Consideration Shares 2)*
- 90% interest in future gold production company (Government get 10% free carry from our interest)

BN gold project JV

Aurum is earning interest through carrying out exploration to earn 70% interest in three stages:

- Stage 1: Aurum earns 35% interest by spending USD 1.2 million within 36 months of license grant
- Stage 2: Aurum earns 51% interest by spending USD 2.5 million within 60 months of license grant
- Stage 3: Aurum earns 70% interest upon completion of a pre-feasibility study on the tenement.
- Diamond drilling conducted by Aurum will be valued at US\$140 per meter for expenditure calculations
- Upon grant of a mining exploitation license, the ownership structure will be: Aurum (70%), GNRR (20%), Ivorian Government (10%)

Mako Gold projects

Mako Gold (majority owned subsidiary of Aurum) entered into a farm-in and joint venture agreement on the Napié Permit with Occidental Gold SARL, a subsidiary of West African gold miner Perseus Mining Limited (ASX/TSX:PRU) in 2017³. Subsequently Mako renegotiated the agreement with Perseus and has consolidated its ownership in the Napié Project from 51% to 90%⁴. In addition, Mako Gold has 100% ownership of the Korhogo Project (significant manganese discovery⁵) and the Brobo Project (lithium/rare earths).

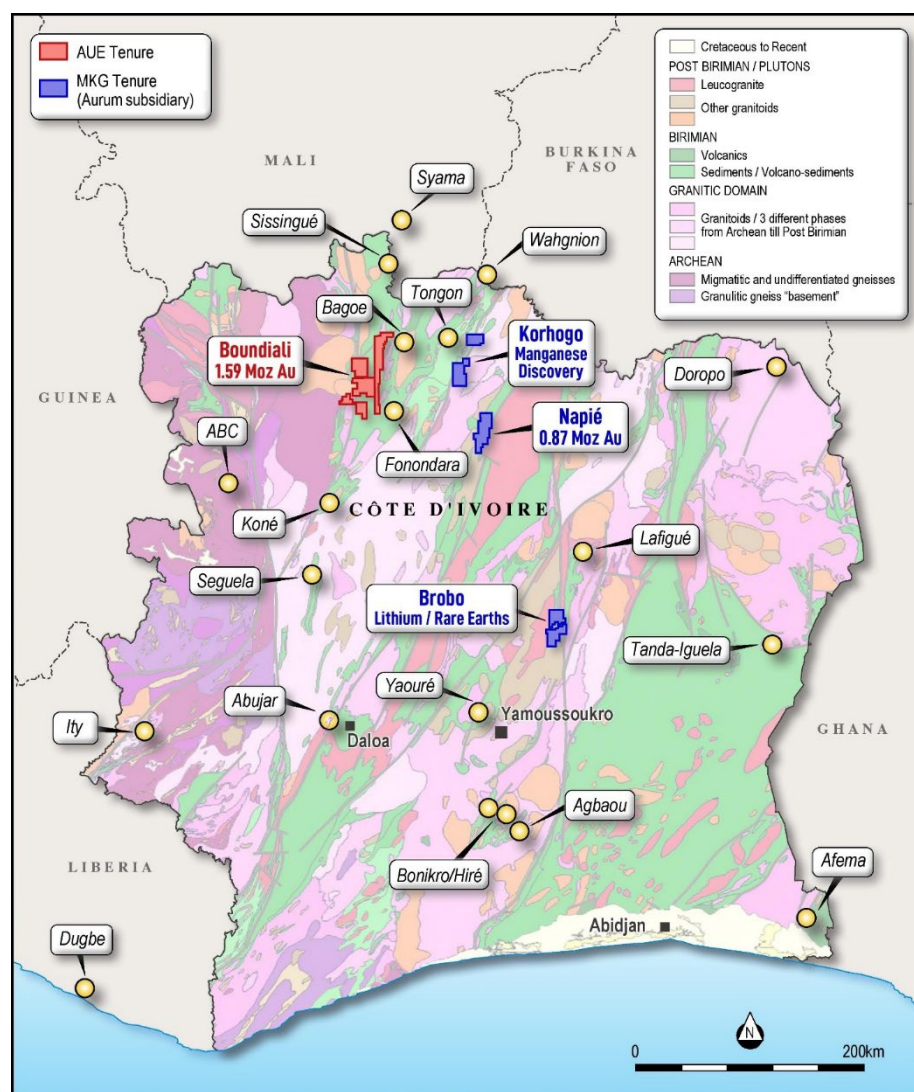


Figure 3: Location of Aurum's Projects in Côte d'Ivoire

³ For details of the agreement please refer to Section 9.1 of Mako Gold's Prospectus and section 4.6 of Mako Gold's Supplementary Prospectus, lodged on the ASX on 13 April 2018, and ASX release dated 29 June 2021

⁴ Refer to ASX releases dated 29 June 2021 and 21 October 2022

⁵ Refer to ASX release dated 26 April 2023