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# Positive Review of Historical Uranium Testwork

- An independent review of historical uranium metallurgical testwork has been completed.
- The most recent testwork, conducted in 2012/13, was highly promising, demonstrating that simple physical beneficiation techniques could be effective.
- Generally, physical beneficiation may lead to an overall reduction in capex and in opex due to the rejection of low-grade material, resulting in a lower mass to chemically process.
- The review encompassed the detailed testwork conducted by Placer Amex Inc in the late 1970's for its PFS, and by Energy Ventures Limited, in 2012/13.
- Confidence in the review has led to the appointment of DRA Global Limited to oversee an upgraded testwork program in preparation for feasibility studies.

Aurora Energy Metals Limited (**Aurora** or **the Company**) (ASX:1AE) is pleased to announce the results of an independent review of the historical metallurgical testwork conducted on the Aurora Uranium Deposit and the appointment of DRA Global Limited (ASX:DRA | JSE:DRA) to oversee a planned metallurgical testwork program.

Extensive metallurgical testwork was conducted in the late 1970's by Placer Amex Inc (**Placer**) at Hazen Research in Denver, Colorado. Aurora acquired the data and the results from the Placer program when the Project was acquired from Uranium One Inc in 2010.

A 32-hole PQ diamond drilling campaign in 2011 generated core that was used in a new generation of testwork, again at Hazen but also at Nagrom and at Metallurgy Pty Ltd in Perth. For the first time, scrubbing and wet screening tests were conducted, and this fresh approach delivered promising results. Specifically, the tests demonstrated that Aurora's uranium mineralisation can be separated into different size fractions that have different physical and mineralisation characteristics.

These results are highly significant as they demonstrate that:

- A scrubbing and wet screening step could efficiently remove hard, coarse waste and low-grade material with minimal uranium loss.
- Other mineralisation can be separated into clay and non-clay fractions.

Water soluble uranium was also identified, which could be readily recovered from all mineral fractions.

The implications of these results on the Project have the potential to be material:

- The deposit can be bulk mined and the ore cost effectively upgraded prior to leaching.
- Crushing and grinding capital and operating costs may be reduced.
- Separating clay from non-clay fractions will allow bespoke leach processes for each ore type, with potential for improved reagent consumption and uranium recoveries.

The 2022 drill program generated over one tonne of material that will be used in the next phase of metallurgical testwork, aimed at replicating the beneficiation results and evaluating various leach options. A testwork protocol has been developed and a Request for Proposal (RFP) is being issued to selected laboratories.

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# Aurora's Managing Director, Greg Cochran, commented:

"This metallurgical review is another example of why the Aurora Uranium Deposit is attractive. In addition to being the largest mineable, measured and indicated uranium deposit in the USA, it also benefits from years of detailed metallurgical testwork and of course, excellent local infrastructure.

"We're looking forward to this new testwork program as the results are intended to inform a Scoping Study that we plan to complete by the end of the year. The results will also enable detailed planning for the next phase, an accelerated, more detailed metallurgical testwork program as part of a PFS."

# Background to Review and Beneficiation Results

Aurora's uranium mineralisation contains several discrete but closely associated lithological packages. During the Placer era, all testwork was based on the assumption that the ore would be crushed and milled before being leached, and thus bulk composites of the mineralisation were used in the tests.

However, the 2012/13 testwork demonstrated that there are two key lithological packages of interest comprised of layers of competent volcanic rocks within which zones of alteration (some being clay rich) are found that contain the uranium mineralisation. Initially, ore scrubbing and wet screening techniques were tested to assess the potential to remove the hard, coarse low grade/waste rock and also to separate the more highly mineralised zones into clay rich and clay poor components, which would allow bespoke process flow sheets to be developed.

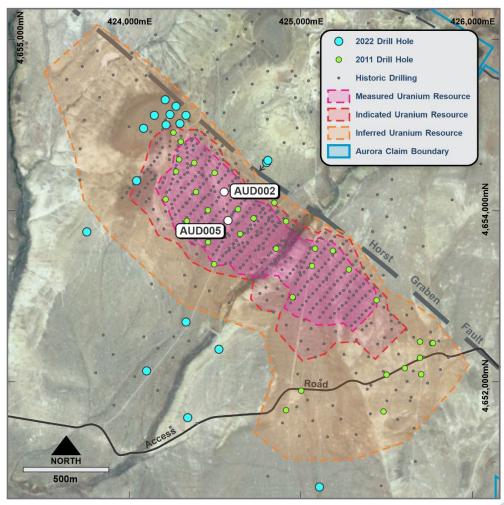


Figure 1: Map showing location of holes used in testwork program



The 2012/13 program used a representative, composite sample of mineralised rock from only the upper, higher-grade part of the Aurora mineral resource in the scrubbing testwork. The calculated grade of the sample was 385 ppm  $U_3O_8$ . Half PQ core from holes AUD002 and AUD005 (Figure 1), which were considered to be representative of the orebody, were used for the testwork. The core was crushed to a nominal pass size of 38.1 mm and split into 32 kg charges.

Five large scale tests were conducted under varying processing conditions, ranging from simple soaking to intense scrubbing with a light ball charge. The products of the scrubbing were then split into eight size fractions by wet screening. Fractions were dried, weighed and assayed for uranium. The summarised results from the scrubbing and screening tests are shown in Table 1 and in Figures 2 and 3.

Size Fraction	Fraction W	/eight (%)	Grade U₃O	<sub>8</sub> (ppm)	U₃O <sub>8</sub> Cont	ent (%)	Comment
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
+19.0 mm	29.4	36.8	71	126	5.1	11.2	Coarse grained, low grade
-19.0 mm. +12.7 mm	9.6	11.1	165	259	5.3	8.2	Coarse middlings
-12.7 mm, +6.35 mm	10.1	12.1	248	366	8.5	12.4	Coarse middlings
-6.35 mm, +2.0 mm	11.9	15.1	366	578	14.0	20.4	Coarse middlings
-2.0 mm, +595 μm	5.8	7.5	427	620	9.2	11.2	Coarse middlings
-595 μm, +149 μm	7.0	11.5	408	574	10.4	15.1	Coarse middlings
-149 μm, +37 μm	4.0	8.5	443	623	5.6	16.7	Fine middlings
-37 μm	7.9	12.1	562	829	14.7	24.9	Clay fraction

Table 1: Results of Aurora uranium deposit scrubbing and screening tests

The testwork consistently demonstrated that typically, over 30% of the composite sample occurs as a coarse fraction (plus 19.0 mm) containing only approximately 10% of the uranium, at low grade, generally less than 100 ppm  $U_3O_8$ .

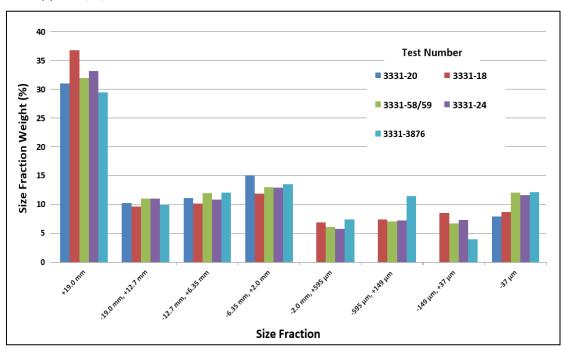


Figure 2: Size fraction weight distribution



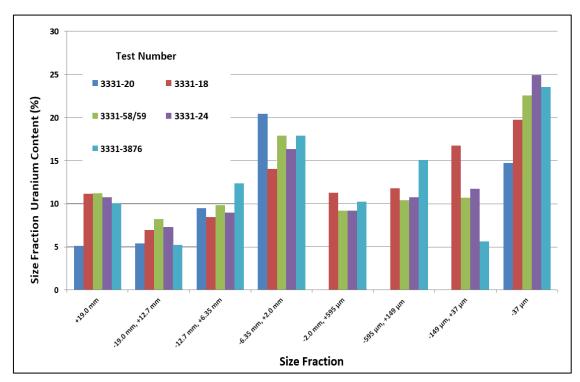


Figure 3: Size fraction uranium content distribution

Middle size fractions, from minus 19.0 mm to plus 149  $\mu$ m, make up more than 50% of the composite sample which can contain well over 60% of the uranium mineralisation.

It is evident that grade typically increases as grain size decreases and the grade of the fine fractions can be more than double the average grade of the feed sample. Also, the minus 37  $\mu$ m fraction appears as clay particles, which can contain almost a quarter of the uranium.

# Significance of the Review and the 2012/13 Testwork Results

The review supported the findings of the 2012/13 testwork that Aurora's uranium mineralisation can readily be physically beneficiated and separated into size fractions with different physical and mineralisation characteristics.

Beneficiation via scrubbing attrition and wet screening demonstrated the potential to remove approximately 30% of hard, coarse material that contains around 10% of total uranium. Analysis revealed that this material is made up of predominantly less altered and unmineralised volcanic units that occur within and surrounding the mineralised zones. Also, a significant component of the uranium contained in this zone is expected to be unavailable to leaching.

The removal of this hard, coarse waste and low-grade material may significantly reduce crushing and grinding costs, as well as potentially reducing capital costs due to less material requiring grinding.

In addition to the metallurgical benefits of physical beneficiation, it also has positive implications for mining as there is no need to mine selectively, allowing the deposit to be more cost effectively bulk mined.

The higher-grade uranium deports into three broadly defined different size fractions, with the coarser middlings fractions potentially containing up to 80% of the uranium, being non-clay. A small component of the mineralisation (some 15% of the feed) containing the remaining 20 to 25% of the uranium, resides within fine clays. This will allow bespoke leach processes that offer the potential for improved reagent consumption and higher recoveries.



A significant fraction of the mineralisation (potentially the minus 2 mm, plus 37  $\mu$ m), which makes up approximately a quarter of the volume and some 40% of the uranium, could potentially be fed directly into a leaching process from the scrubbing circuit.

Finally, water soluble uranium was also identified in the mineralisation, which could be readily recovered from all mineral fractions.

# **Next Steps**

Subsequent to the completion of the independent metallurgical review a testwork protocol was developed with the objective of replicating the results of the 2012/13 beneficiation work and to evaluate various leach options. The 2022 drill program generated over one tonne of material from PQ and HQ diamond drill holes, which will be used in the testwork program.

The multi-disciplinary engineering group DRA Global has been appointed to oversee the program and a RFP is currently being issued to selected laboratories. It is expected that the results from this testwork program will inform a scoping study, planned to be completed by the end of the year, which would also allow more detailed flow sheet development for forthcoming feasibility studies.

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#### ABOUT AURORA ENERGY METALS

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  $U_3O_8$  for 50.6 Mlbs  $U_3O_8$ ) with known lithium mineralisation in lakebed sediments above and surrounding the well-defined uranium deposit, the Company's vision is to supply minerals that are critical to the USA's energy transition.

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# Project and Technical Expertise

Information in this announcement relating to Exploration Results s is based on information compiled by Mr. Lauritz Barnes (a consultant to Aurora Energy Metals Limited and a shareholder) who is a member of The Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and The Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr. Barnes has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person under the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr. Barnes consents to the inclusion of the data in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this announcement relating to Metallurgical Results is based on information compiled by Mr. Martin Errington, B.Sc (Hons) Chemical Engineering, CEng, an independent consultant to Aurora Energy Metals Limited, who is a Fellow of the Institute of Chemical Engineers (FIChemE) Mr. Errington has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he has undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person under the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr. Errington consents to the inclusion in the announcement of the matters based on the information made available to him, in the form and context in which it appears.

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Certain information set forth in this announcement contains "forward-looking information", including "metallurgical process performance", "future-oriented financial information" and "financial outlook", under applicable securities laws (collectively referred to herein as forward-looking statements). Except for statements of historical facts, the information contained herein constitutes forwards-looking statements and includes, but it not limited to, the projected metallurgical performance of a future process plant and the potential development of the Company's Aurora Project.

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For example, future potential revenues that may be generated from the Aurora Uranium Project, should it be developed, will be dependent on multiple factors beyond the scope of this announcement, such as the market price of uranium, which may vary significantly from current levels.

Appendix 1:

Drill hole summary for the holes used in the 2012/13 Metallurgical Testwork Program

Hole ID	Hole	Easting	Northing	RL	Total Depth	Dip	Azimuth
AUD002	DDH	424571	4654121	1607.6	128.0	-90	0
AUD005	DDH	424593	4653955	1601.0	106.1	-90	0

Note: All coordinates are in UTM Zone 11N, datum WGS84.

Appendix 2: Summary of Uranium Oxide Assay Results (100ppm & 300ppm  $U_3O_8$  cut-offs)

Hole ID	Cut-off U₃O <sub>8</sub> (ppm)	From (m)	Interval (m)	Grade U₃O₅ (ppm)
AUD002	100	31.8	47.4	342
incl	300	43.3	4.6	894
and	300	57.3	11.6	629
AUD005	100	28.3	61.3	302
incl	300	29.3	4.6	1047
and	300	39.3	3.7	676
and	300	48.5	2.7	485
and	300	56.7	2.7	400
and	300	69.5	1.8	875
and	300	83.2	3.7	631



# Appendix 3: JORC 2012 Compliance Table

# Section 1 Sampling Techniques and Data

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	<ul> <li>Nature and quality of sampling (e.g., cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling.</li> <li>Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.</li> <li>Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report.</li> <li>In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (e.g., 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases, more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (e.g., submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Drilling that defines the Aurora deposit and within the surrounding tenure was completed in three phases to date – the first between 1978 and 1980 by private landowner and prospector Locke Jacobs (Jacobs) in Joint Venture with Placer Amex Inc. (Placer) and the second by Energy Ventures Limited (EVE) in 2011. In addition, the Cordex Syndicate drilled over 100 holes on claims adjacent to the Aurora deposit also between 1978 and 1980. The third phase took place in November 2022, when AEM drilled 12 RC holes (one with a diamond tail) and 5 diamond core holes.</li> <li>For all phases, holes were drilled utilising Reverse Circulation (RC) and Diamond drilling (DD).</li> <li>EVE's program, which generated the core that was used in the metallurgical testwork program reviewed in this release, included 32 PQ sized core holes (4,257m) and 6 (wet) RC holes (950m) in 2011.</li> <li>AEM's November 2022 program included 12 RC holes (one with a diamond tail) and 5 diamond core holes for 2,152m of RC and 1,263m of core (a mix of HQ and PQ).</li> <li>Sampling during 2011 and 2022 was carried out under EVE's and AEM's standard protocols and QAQC procedures which are considered standard industry practice.</li> <li>EVE's and AEM's RC holes obtained representative 5ft (1.5m) metre samples.</li> <li>EVE's and AEM's diamond drill core holes were completed to provide metallurgical sample material. Whole PQ or HQ drill core was cut as either quarter or half core on mostly 3ft (0.9m) intervals with some variation to geological control.</li> <li>No trenching or other sampling has been completed at the Aurora deposit, other than the drilling.</li> </ul>
Drilling techniques	• Drill type (e.g., core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (e.g., core diameter, triple	Historical RC percussion drilling was completed using a 5 to 5.5 inch bit.



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	or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit, or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).	<ul> <li>Placer core holes were drilled to 3.8", 5.3" &amp; 6" core sizes with recovery averaging over 93%. Only one of these core holes was angled (all others vertical) and it is not known whether this core was oriented.</li> <li>EVE's 2011 diamond core drilling was completed using a PQ drill bit with triple tube used where required to maximise core recovery, which averaged over 88%.</li> <li>4 of the EVE core holes were angled (the remainder drilled vertical) and none of the core was oriented.</li> <li>In addition, EVE drilled six 5.5" wet RC holes.</li> <li>AEM's November 2022 diamond core drilling was completed using a mix of PQ and HQ drill bits with triple tube used where required to maximise core recovery, which averaged over 90%. Only one hole was angled (-55/222), all others were vertical.</li> <li>In addition, AEM drilled twelve 5.5' dry RC holes using a mix of tricone and centre return hammer.</li> </ul>
Drill sample recovery	<ul> <li>Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.</li> <li>Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.</li> <li>Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Diamond drill core was routinely measured and cross-checked with drill blocks to determine recovery from each core tube.</li> <li>Diamond drill core recoveries were excellent at above 93% (historic Placer drilling), &gt;88% for EVE drilling and &gt;90% for new AEM core drilling). Where core loss did occur, it was measured and recorded during logging.</li> <li>There is no observed sample bias, nor a relationship observed between grade and recovery.</li> </ul>
Logging	<ul> <li>Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.</li> <li>Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography.</li> <li>The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>RC and core holes were logged geologically, including but not limited to, recording weathering, regolith, lithology, structure, texture, alteration, and mineralisation (type and abundance).</li> <li>All holes and all relevant intersections were geologically logged in full.</li> <li>Logging was at a qualitative and quantitative standard to support appropriate Mineral Resource studies.</li> <li>Remaining sample pulps and core (that were not removed for metallurgical testwork purposes) from the EVE 2011 and AEM 2022 drilling are stored at the Company's Project base close to McDermitt, NV.</li> </ul>



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Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	<ul> <li>If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.</li> <li>If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.</li> <li>For all sample types, the nature, quality, and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</li> <li>Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.</li> <li>Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the insitu material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.</li> <li>Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All EVE and AEM diamond drill core was photographed, and all holes were logged downhole at the time of drilling using a calibrated radiometric logging probe.</li> <li>No core or core photographs remain from the historic core drilling.</li> <li>All holes (RC or diamond) were logged using downhole radiometric logging probes to collect measurement of the uranium concentration, described in detail in the next section. As such, not all holes were sampled.</li> <li>EVE diamond drill core holes were routinely sampled, with PQ drill core cut in half, plus into quarters for selected holes. Half or quarter core was typically composited on 3ft (0.9m) intervals, coarse crushed and then pulverised (nominal 85% passing 75 microns) to obtain a homogenous sub-sample for assay.</li> <li>For the EVE RC percussion drilling, samples were collected in 5ft (1.5m) composites, dried, weighed, and for those selected samples that were assayed, they were pulverized to 85% passing 75 microns.</li> <li>AEM diamond drill core holes were routinely sampled, with HQ and PQ drill core cut in half, plus into quarters for selected holes/intervals – or dry split so water is not involved in the process for some sections of core. Samples were typically composited on 3ft (0.9m) intervals, coarse crushed and then pulverised (nominal 85% passing 75 microns) to obtain a homogenous sub-sample for assay.</li> <li>For the AEM RC percussion drilling, samples were collected in 5ft (1.5m) composites, dried, weighed, and for those selected samples that were assayed, they were pulverized to 85% passing 75 microns.</li> </ul>
		The sample sizes are considered appropriate for the style of mineralisation observed.
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	<ul> <li>The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</li> <li>For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument</li> </ul>	• For the 2011 EVE drilling and the recent 2022 AEM drilling, radiometric logging was completed by Century Wirelines Services using the Compu-Log system and probe type 9512C. This system is comprised of radiometric logging equipment based on a truck-mounted digital computer. Well data were digitally recorded at 1/10 <sup>th</sup> foot increments for the parameter's gamma, conductivity, resistivity, and temperature. The eU <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> % conversions from the gamma log data were calculated and



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	make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.  Nature of quality control procedures adopted (e.g., standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (if lack of bias) and precision have been established.	reported with the original, unprocessed gamma logs. These were composited to 3ft values.  • All EVE and AEM core drilling samples (and selected RC samples) were assayed at American Assay Laboratories (AAL) for analysis by Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectroscopy (ICP-MS) using a four-acid digestion (HNO3-HCIO4-HF-HCI). Samples were then checked using XRF techniques.  • These techniques are considered appropriate and are industry best standard. The techniques are considered to be a total digest.  • EVE utilised industry standard QAQC procedures involving the use of matrix matched certified reference materials (CRM standards), blanks and field duplicates. A total of five different CRM standards with uranium grades ranging from 84ppm to 713ppm.  • AEM utilised industry standard QAQC procedures involving the use of matrix matched certified reference materials (CRM standards), blanks and field duplicates. A total of three different CRM standards with uranium grades ranging from 84ppm to 858ppm U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> .  • EVE and AEM QAQC results have been checked with no apparent issues for all data received to date.  • Field duplicate data suggests there is general consistency in the drilling results.  • EVE submitted samples for umpire checks to both ALS in Reno, NV and ACME laboratory in Vancouver, Canada. Both labs analysed using both ICP-MS and XRF methods equivalent to AAL's. 98 samples were submitted to ALS and 52 to Acme with a spread of U grades ranging up to 1,100ppm. Results were generally acceptable within +/- 15% tolerance when compared back to the original AAL results.
Verification of sampling and assaying	<ul> <li>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</li> <li>The use of twinned holes.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Competent Person for the current JORC 2012 Mineral Resource, Lauritz Barnes, has verified all significant intersections.</li> <li>For all historical core holes plus 26 of the 32 EVE core holes, measurement of the uranium concentration (eU<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>) was made with radiometric logging. For selected historic core and for all the EVE core,</li> </ul>



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	<ul> <li>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</li> <li>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>they were also assayed for U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> by ICP-MS and XRF methods. All methods were compared with consistent results, verifying all significant intersections.</li> <li>22 pairs of twin holes (historic RC percussion and EVE 2011 diamond drill core) have been drilled for comparative purposes. The twinned holes show strong correlation near 1:1 correlation between the radiometric assaying and the chemical assays (correlation coefficients &gt; 0.9). With this validation, the November 2022 Mineral Resource is now reported as U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> rather than eU<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>.</li> <li>For EVE holes, primary geological data was collected via paper (and data entered) logging and software using in-house logging methodology and codes.</li> <li>For AEM holes, primary geological data was collected via digital logging and software using in-house logging methodology and codes.</li> <li>Logging data was sent to the Perth based office where the data was validated and entered into an industry standard master database maintained by the Mitchell River Group Pty Ltd database administrator.</li> <li>The only adjustments made to the assay data is when the labs report uranium as U – and within the database management system, this is converted to U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> using a factor of 1.179.</li> </ul>
Location of data points	<ul> <li>Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.</li> <li>Specification of the grid system used.</li> <li>Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>EVE completed a due diligence site visit in March 2010 using handheld GPS to check claim monuments, historical drillhole locations plus using a handheld spectrometer to confirm mineralisation.</li> <li>EVE collar positions for the 2011 drilling program were located using handheld GPS in UTM Zone 11N, WGS84 datum. It is noted that the GPS was left to measure the position of a minimum of 3 minutes at each site.</li> <li>AEM collar positions for the 2022 drilling program were located using handheld GPS in UTM Zone 11N, WGS84 datum. It is noted that the GPS was left to measure the position of a minimum of 3 minutes at each site.</li> <li>Downhole surveys were completed on a few EVE drill holes using a downhole survey tool. Only 4 of the 32 EVE holes were angled.</li> <li>Downhole surveys were completed on a few AEM drill holes using a gyro downhole survey tool. Only 1 of the 32 EVE holes were angled.</li> </ul>



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		The local grid system used for location of all drill holes is converted to UTMN Zone 11, WGS84 datum using the two-point conversion as follows:  10000.000mE, 10000.000mN = 425315.859mE, 4653333.481mN  10248.631mE, 10723.868mN = 424944.287mE, 4654002.612mN  N042°E rotation, Scale factor 1.  The topographic surface used in Surpac format to code the block model was generated from the USGS National Elevation Dataset at 10m cell resolution with the collars added.
Data spacing and distribution	<ul> <li>Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>Whether the data spacing, and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.</li> <li>Whether sample compositing has been applied.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Drillholes are typically spaced 100 feet apart on lines spaced 200 feet apart. This spacing equates to 60m x 30m. Drill lines are orientated N042°E, a local grid was used.</li> <li>Drill hole spacing and distribution is considered more than sufficient as to make geological and grade continuity assumptions appropriate for Mineral Resource estimation.</li> <li>1.5m sample compositing of the RC and diamond core drilling samples was routinely used.</li> </ul>
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	<ul> <li>Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.</li> <li>If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The orientation of drilling and sampling is not considered to have any significant biasing effects.</li> <li>The drill holes are mostly vertical at Aurora and are interpreted to have intersected the typically horizontal trending mineralised zone approximately perpendicular or at an acceptable angle to the dip.</li> </ul>
Sample security	The measures taken to ensure sample security.	<ul> <li>Sample chain of custody for the 2011 drilling was managed by EVE geological personnel and samples were transported to the AAL laboratory in Reno by EVE geological personnel.</li> <li>Sample chain of custody for the 2022 drilling was managed by AEM's contract geologists from Piton Exploration, LLC and samples were transported to the AAL laboratory in Reno by Piton geological personnel.</li> <li>Cutting and sampling of the EVE diamond drill core was carried out by AAL personnel under the direction and supervision of EVE geological personnel.</li> </ul>



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		<ul> <li>Cutting and sampling of the AEM diamond drill core was carried out by AAL personnel under the direction and supervision of AEM and Piton geological personnel.</li> <li>Remaining core and all lab pulp samples are securely stored at a location in McDermitt, NV close to the Aurora deposit site.</li> </ul>
Audits or reviews	The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.	No independent audit or review has been carried out on the EVE or AEM sampling techniques and data.

Section 2 Reporting of Exploration Results
(Criteria listed in the preceding section also apply to this section.)

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Mineral tenement and land tenure status	<ul> <li>Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.</li> <li>The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>AEM, through its wholly owned US subsidiary Oregon Energy LLC, holds 100% of the Aurora Energy Metals Project in southeast Oregon, USA.</li> <li>The Project comprises 395 Mining Claims that cover an area of approximately 28.5 square kilometres.</li> <li>The tenements are held securely and no impediments to obtaining a licence to operate have been identified.</li> <li>The Aurora Project is on federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management.</li> <li>The Aurora Project is directly connected by road with the town of McDermitt, 15km to the east, and the adjacent Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation of the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes. McDermitt and Fort McDermitt have a combined population of 513 (2010 census) of which 75% are American Indian.</li> <li>The Company has recently or historically undertaken periodic consultation with the Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribal Council, as well as held community information meetings at the Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation, Burns Paiute Tribal Council, Malheur County Judges, Association of Oregon Counties President, and State Congress Representative.</li> </ul>



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Exploration done by other parties	Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.	<ul> <li>Uranium exploration in the Project area began as an offshoot of gold and other metals exploration efforts around the nearby Bretz and Cordero Mines. Placer had a limited reconnaissance program during 1974 and 1975. The program did not look promising, and interest quickly ended.</li> <li>Locke Jacobs completed an airborne geophysical survey over the area in 1977. Ground follow-up of a radiometric anomaly identified uranium mineralized outcrops and Jacobs staked claims on what became the Aurora prospect.</li> <li>Programs of aircore, RC percussion and diamond drilling were subsequently completed between 1978 and 1980, initially by Locke Jacobs and then with JV partner Placer. The Cordex Syndicate also completed RC and core drilling on claim adjacent to the current Aurora Uranium deposit.</li> <li>Feasibility studies were also completed by Placer during this period, culminating in a pre-Feasibility Study report for the Aurora Uranium Project published in 1980. The collapse of the uranium market in the 1980's resulted in a loss of interest in the project. Placer maintained the claim blocks until 1990 and let the claims lapse.</li> <li>The project lay dormant until a brief drilling program was completed by Newmont during December 2003/January 2004 with most of the holes located at the nearby Bretz workings. One hole was drilled immediately adjacent to the Aurora U ore zone (hole RZDH-6) but data for this is not completed to date. It does not materially impact the Aurora Mineral Resource as it is located on the margin of the interpreted mineralised zone.</li> <li>William Sherriff re-staked the new U claims in 1997. Energy Metals Corp (EMC) entered into an agreement to purchase the project rights from Sherriff and completed an initial 43-101 report in 2004. EMC acquired a 100% interest in the Property from Sheriff on July 19, 2004.</li> <li>In 2005, Quincy Energy Corp (Quincy) entered into a Joint Venture agreement with Energy Metals Corp. (EMC), the property owner, to purchase up to a 75% interest in the pro</li></ul>



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Geology	Deposit type, geological setting, and style of mineralisation.	The Aurora uranium property is within the Miocene McDermitt caldera system straddling the Oregon-Nevada border. The McDermitt caldera is approximately 30 miles long north to south and 20 miles wide east to west and consists of at least five nested ring fracture systems. The oldest rocks in the region of the caldera are intrusive rocks of Cretaceous age. A granodiorite pluton outcrops along the western margin of the caldera. Early Miocene age basalt, andesite, and dacite flows erupted 18 to 24 million years before present (m.y.b.p.) and lie unconformably upon the eroded granodiorite pluton and appear to be the earliest volcanic rocks related to the caldera complex. Collapse of the caldera occurred about 16 m.y.b.p. as the result of explosive eruptions of peralkaline ash flow tuff which began about 18 m.y.b.p Voluminous rhyolitic to peralkaline ash flow tuffs were erupted from 15.8 to 17.9 m.y.b.p.



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		<ul> <li>Lacustrine sedimentary rocks consisting of tuffaceous sandstone, siltstone, shale, and claystone, with local chalcedony beds occur in restricted basins within the calderas. Lakebeds directly overlie dacitic lavas as well as rhyolite welded tuff and occupy about 20 percent of the interior of the caldera. Lake sediments generally fill moat-portions of the calderas and tend to be thickest near the ring fracture zones.</li> <li>Several mineralized systems occur within the caldera systems and include mercury, uranium, and lithium occurrences. The mineralized systems are related to the well-developed hydrothermal activity associated with the volcanic complex and formed in shallow hot spring systems.</li> <li>The Aurora uranium mineralization forms strata-bound and cross-cutting bodies in the dacitic flow units immediately below the Lake Sediments unconformity, forming an irregular mineralized zone approximately 1.5km (5,000ft) long by 300m (1000ft) wide. The mineralized horizons range from a true thickness of a few feet around the fringes to more than 50m (150ft) thick. The mineralized beds range from predominantly horizontal to moderately dipping (up to 40°) along the north-easter margin. The beds are spatially related to and partially controlled by possible growth faults or graben bounding structures, primarily on the northeast margin of the mineralization. Review of the diamond core logs indicate the uranium mineralization contained minor primary deposition related to volcanic and hydrothermal activity. The spatial distribution of uranium with sediments and broken, permeable zones of volcanic rocks suggest mechanically, and chemically transported zones of mineralization are common. Several of the secondary or tertiary basins, within the Lake Sediments and graben block, show thin repeating beds of mineralization, within zones of the more permeable rocks, which are isolated by clay rich zones. Higher grade and thicker zones of mineralization could represent high angle structures which acted as h</li></ul>



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		units, and extends into the basement where it is found in fractured granite and in metamorphic rocks. There is generally a strong hydrothermal control to the transportation of uranium and the mineralization occurs as both primary and remobilized uranium in an oxidizing-reducing setting. Uranium mineralization is commonly associated with molybdenum, vanadium, lithium, other sulphides, violet fluorite and quartz to colloidal silica or opal. Examples of volcanic hosted uranium deposits include the Dornod deposit in Mongolia, the Michelin deposit in Canada, the Nopal deposit in Mexico, and the Strelsovsk Caldera in the Russian Federation hosts several commercial deposits.  • Lithium deposits occur within tuffaceous sedimentary rocks found in the restricted lake sediments within the caldera.
Drill hole Information	<ul> <li>A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes, including Easting and northing of the drill hole collar, Elevation or RL (Reduced Level – elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar, dip and azimuth of the hole, down hole length and interception depth plus hole length.</li> <li>If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Drill hole information that has been presented as Exploration Results for drilling conducted by EVE in 2011 is now within the Mineral Resource estimate. A Mineral Resource has been estimated for all prior drilling, additional information is available within Myers, 2005.</li> <li>Drill hole information that has been presented as Exploration Results for drilling conducted by AEM in 2022 is not yet included in the Mineral Resource estimate.</li> </ul>
Data aggregation methods	<ul> <li>In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (e.g., cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.</li> <li>Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.</li> <li>The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Exploration results are based on length-weighted average grades.</li> <li>No maximum or minimum grade truncations have been applied.</li> <li>For drilling conducted by EVE in 2011 and reported in the 15 May 2022 IPO Prospectus or as Exploration Results, cut-off grades of 100ppm or 300ppm U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> have been used to report the significant uranium mineralised intersections.</li> <li>For drilling conducted by AEM in 2022 and reported as Exploration Results, cut-off grades of 100ppm or 300ppm eU<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> have been used to report the significant uranium mineralised intersections.</li> <li>Significant intersections do not contain intervals of more than 2m of subgrade samples.</li> <li>No metal equivalent values have been reported.</li> </ul>



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Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	<ul> <li>These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.</li> <li>If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (e.g., 'down hole length, true width not known').</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The orientation of drilling and sampling is not considered to have any significant biasing effects.</li> <li>Drill holes are usually vertical and are interpreted to have intersected the mineralised zone approximately perpendicular to its dip such that down hole intervals reported are considered to be or very close to true width.</li> </ul>
Diagrams	Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported. These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.	A map is included in the body of the report.
Balanced reporting	Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.	A Mineral Resource has been estimated for all prior drilling, additional information is available within Myers, 2005 or the subsequent January 2011 EVE ASX announcement (ASX: EVE on 12 January 2011). Comprehensive reporting of all results is not practicable as there are hundreds of holes and intercepts contributing to the Mineral Resource. Significant intercepts were previously reported in the 15 May 2022 IPO document for AEM.
Other substantive exploration data	Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.	In mid-May 2011, Goldak Airborne Surveys completed a high sensitivity aeromagnetic radiometric survey over the Aurora deposit and surrounds. Aircraft equipment operated included a caesium vapour, digitally compensated magnetometer, a 1024 channel spectrometer consisting of 48 litres of downward looking Nal detectors and 8 litres of upward looking detectors, a GPS real-time and post-corrected differential positioning system, a flight path recovery camera, digital titling and recording system, as well as radar and barometric altimeters. All data was recorded digitally in GEDAS binary file format. Reference ground equipment included a GEM Systems GSM-19W Overhauser magnetometer and a Novatel 12 channel GPS base station which was set up at the base of operations for differential post-flight corrections. A total of 2,070-line kilometres of high resolution magnetic and radiometric data was collected, processed and plotted. The traverse lines were flown East-West on a spacing of 100 metres with perpendicular control lines flown at a separation of 1000 metres.



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		To date, no potentially deleterious substances have been identified associated with the Aurora mineralisation.
Further work	<ul> <li>The nature and scale of planned further work (e.g., tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).</li> <li>Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>As detailed in this report additional work is proposed and recommended.</li> <li>Further diamond core drilling will be undertaken within the uranium resource to generate core for further phases of metallurgical testwork.</li> <li>Further diamond core drilling will be undertaken testing the uranium potential of zones along strike and adjacent to the defined Aurora deposit, in particular zones identified in the nearby Cordex drilling. Also, in referring to the Cordex drilling, verification of this historic drilling data will be completed.</li> </ul>