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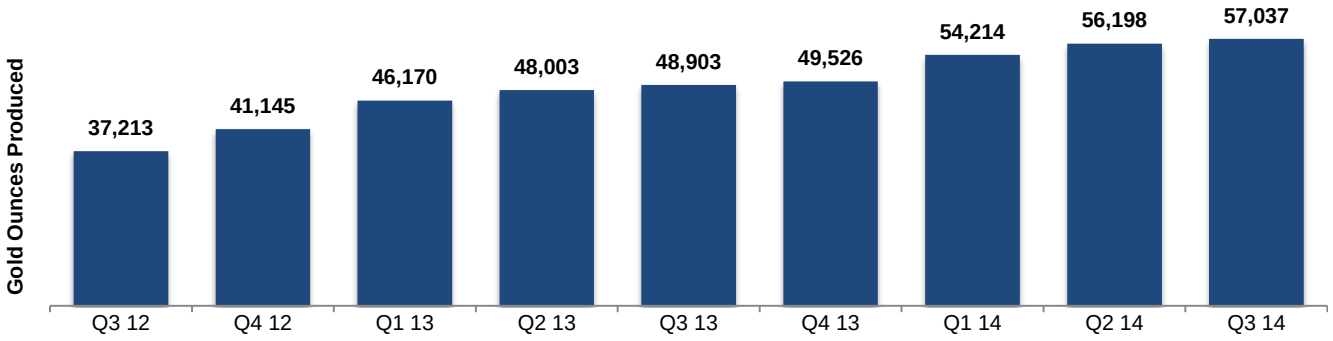
PRESS RELEASE

AuRico Gold Announces its Ninth Consecutive Quarter of Record Production Young-Davidson Reports Underground Cash Costs of $656 per Ounce and Underground Unit Costs of $41 per Tonne

Toronto: October 14, 2014: AuRico Gold Inc. (TSX: AUQ) (NYSE: AUQ), ("AuRico" or the "Company") today announces preliminary third quarter production results. All amounts are in U.S. dollars unless otherwise indicated. *(Results for the third quarter 2014 are estimates only and are subject to change.)*

AuRico is reporting its ninth consecutive quarter of record company-wide gold production driven by record production from the cornerstone Young-Davidson mine. Period-over-period production growth is expected to continue going forward, underpinned by the ongoing ramp-up in production at the Young-Davidson mine located in northern Ontario.

Company Wide Quarterly Production Growth



Preliminary 2014 Third Quarter Operational Results

	Q1/13	Q2/13	Q3/13	Q4/13	Q1/14	Q2/14	Q3/14[1]
Young-Davidson							
Gold ounces produced[2]	28,281	29,252	30,099	33,106	35,104	40,166	**40,538**
Underground cash costs per gold ounce	-	-	-	$663	$808	$803	**$656**
Open pit cash costs per gold ounce	$694	$716	$666	$983	$1,350	$974	**$923**
Total cash costs per gold ounce[3]	$694	$716	$666	$850	$1,009	$871	**$723**
Underground mine							
Tonnes mined per day	1,130	1,611	1,417	2,590	2,611	3,595	**3,752**
Grades (g/t)	2.7	2.5	2.8	3.1	2.8	3.3	**3.1**
Development metres	1,941	2,445	2,620	2,986	3,772	3,545	**3,269**
Mill processing facility							
Tonnes processed per day	6,466	7,017	6,747	6,969	7,163	8,230	**7,670**
Grades (incl. open pit stockpile)	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.0	1.8	2.2	**1.9**
Recoveries (%)	86%	85%	89%	88%	87%	88%	**90%**
El Chanate							
Gold ounces produced	17,889	18,751	18,804	16,420	19,110	16,032	**16,499**
Total cash costs per gold ounce[3]	$563	$602	$588	$615	$586	$618	**$663**
Open pit tonnes mined per day	106,319	98,928	87,336	98,487	95,402	93,808	**94,643**
Consolidated Results							
Gold ounces produced[2]	46,170	48,003	48,903	49,526	54,214	56,198	**57,037**
Total cash costs per gold ounce[3]	$635	$655	$628	$771	$870	$801	**$706**

1. Data provided for the third quarter 2014 are estimates only and subject to change.
2. Includes pre-production gold ounces from the Young-Davidson underground mine prior to the declaration of commercial production in the underground mine on October 31, 2013.
3. Represents a non-GAAP measure. See page 18 of the Company's Q2 2014 Management's Discussion & Analysis for further information. Cash costs are prior to inventory net realizable value adjustments & reversals. For Young-Davidson, gold ounces for cash costs purposes include ounces produced for 2013, and ounces sold for 2014. For El Chanate and on a consolidated basis, gold ounces for cash cost purposes include ounces sold. Pre-production ounces produced at Young-Davidson are excluded from ounces produced as these ounces were credited against capitalized project costs when sold.

"The Company is pleased to report its ninth consecutive quarter of record company-wide gold production, which builds on the successes achieved in prior quarters. We are particularly encouraged that our operation teams have delivered another strong quarter of production and demonstrated that their focus remains on quality production that drives margins, with Young-Davidson reporting a significant 17% decrease in cash costs", stated Scott Perry, President and Chief Executive Officer. He continued, "The disciplined approach to our business underpins our growing production profile, which combined with our decreasing cost profile, positions the Company for long-term, sustainable performance. We remain optimistic that in the current gold price environment, the Young-Davidson mine will be generating positive free cash flow by the end of this year."

Young-Davidson Update

- At the end of the quarter, the Young-Davidson mine achieved 557 days of lost time incident free operations.
- Production of 40,538 gold ounces for the quarter represented the ninth consecutive quarter of record gold production with the operation expected to deliver additional period-over-period production increases going forward as the underground mine ramps-up to targeted levels.
- Underground cash costs for the quarter decreased to $656 per gold ounce, an 18% decline over the prior quarter, primarily driven by increased production, lower unit processing costs and lower underground unit mining costs. Total cash costs for the quarter, which includes the low-grade open pit stockpile, decreased by 17% to $723 per gold ounce.
- During the quarter, underground mine productivity exceeded planned levels and averaged approximately 3,752 tonnes per day at grades in-line with reserve grade estimates. With underground productivity at approximately 94% of the year-end target, the operation is well positioned to achieve the year-end target of 4,000 tonnes per day and an ultimate productivity level of 8,000 tonnes per day at the end of 2016.
- For the third full quarter of underground commercial production, unit mining costs declined to approximately $41 per tonne, in-line with the year-end target of $40 per tonne.
- During the quarter, underground development advance continued at planned levels with approximately 3,269 metres completed, an average of 36 metres per day. The Company will continue to focus on advancing underground development to best position the mine for sustainable, period-over-period, productivity increases in the fourth quarter and beyond.
- During the quarter, the mill facility averaged 7,670 tonnes per day, including 4-days of downtime for scheduled mill reline activities. Recoveries increased over prior periods to a record 90%, which is expected to be sustained going forward.
- As planned, the short life open pit mine was fully depleted in early June and as a result, during the quarter higher grade underground mill feed was supplemented with low grade open pit stockpiled ore to ensure the mill processing facility was operating at peak capacity. The open pit stockpile will continue to supplement underground ore feed to the mill processing facility as the underground mine ramps up to targeted levels and the remaining stockpile will be processed at the end of the mine life.
- Currently, approximately 2.6 million tonnes of open pit ore, at an average grade of approximately 0.80 grams per tonne, is stockpiled ahead of the mill facility for future processing. As the related mining costs associated with the stockpile were expended in prior periods, the processing of this ore will favourably augment the mine's free cash flow profile going forward.

El Chanate Update

- During the quarter, the open pit mining rate averaged 94,643 tonnes per day with mined grades being in-line with plan.
- Mining operations in the third quarter reflected a transition from the sequencing of lower grade mining areas to higher grade mining areas during the latter part of the quarter.
- Production increased over the prior quarter while cash costs for the quarter were $663 per ounce, which is in-line with guidance levels.

About AuRico Gold

AuRico Gold is a leading Canadian gold producer with mines and projects in North America that have significant production growth and exploration potential. The Company is focused on its core operations including the Young-Davidson gold mine in northern Ontario, and the El Chanate mine in Sonora State, Mexico. AuRico's project pipeline also includes advanced development opportunities in Mexico and Canada. AuRico's head office is located in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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