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PRESS RELEASE

AuRico Reports 2014 Reserve & Resource Update

Reserves Increase by 207,000 Ounces at Young-Davidson Underground
Company-Wide Reserves and M&I Resources Increase by 15% to 10.4 Million Gold Ounces

Toronto: February 19, 2015: AuRico Gold Inc. (TSX: AUQ) (NYSE: AUQ), ("AuRico" or the "Company") today reported its updated Reserves and Resources, as at December 31, 2014. *(Detailed Mineral Reserve and Resource tables can be found at the end of this press release).*

Mineral Reserves and Resources

Reserve Highlights

As at December 31, 2014, the Company is reporting:

- Reserves at the Young-Davidson underground mine increased by 207,000 ounces, or 6%, over 2013, as the Company was successful in replacing production and increasing reserves.
- Reserves decreased by 37% at the El Chanate mine, due to both mining depletion and a reduction in overall slope angles, while reserve grades increased by 5%. The reduction in planned slope angles came after a thorough external geotechnical review of geotechnical drilling, mapping and slope performance.

Gold Reserves by asset are summarized in the table below:

Proven and Probable Mineral Reserves[1]						
	Gold ounces (000's)			Gold grade (g/t)		
31-Dec-14	2014	2013	Change (%)	2014	2013	Change (%)
Young-Davidson Underground	3,763	3,556	6%	2.74	2.81	(3%)
Young-Davidson Surface	61	140	(57%)	0.76	1.10	(31%)
Total Young-Davidson	**3,823**	3,696	3%	**2.63**	2.66	(1%)
Total El Chanate	**646**	1,023	(37%)	**0.74**	0.70	5%
Kemess Underground	**1,805**	1,805	0%	**0.56**	0.56	0%
	6,274	6,524	(4%)	**1.13**	1.07	6%

1. Detailed Mineral Reserve and Mineral Resource tables follow at the end of this press release.

In addition to gold reserves, the Company is also reporting copper reserves of:

- 619 million pounds at the Kemess Underground Project at a reserve grade of 0.28%, using a copper price of $3.00 per pound.

"We remain encouraged with the quality of the underground reserve base reported from our cornerstone Young-Davidson mine, which has increased over the prior year with a consistent grade profile. This robust ore body is comprised of low cost, long life, high margin ounces and this asset is positioned for a long and profitable mine life." stated Scott Perry, President and Chief Executive Officer. He continued, "Company-wide, we are also reporting a significant increase in our resource base in Canada as a result of our successful drilling program at Kemess East, as well as through our strategic joint venture on the promising Lynn Lake Project."

Resource Highlights

As at December 31, 2014 the Company is also reporting the following Mineral Resources, which are in addition to reserves:

- Measured and Indicated gold resources of 4.1 million gold ounces at a grade of 0.84 g/t, an increase of 1.6 million ounces, or 64%, primarily related to additional resources from the Kemess East and Lynn Lake Projects; and
- Inferred gold resources of 2.4 million gold ounces at a grade of 0.52 g/t, an increase of 1.9 million ounces, or 409%, primarily related to additional inferred resources from the Kemess East and Lynn Lake Projects.

Gold mineral resources as at December 31, 2014 by asset are summarized in the table below:

Gold Resources (in thousands of gold ounces)[1]				
	Measured & Indicated		Inferred	
December 31, 2014	**2014**	**2013**	**2014**	**2013**
Young-Davidson Underground	1,430	1,484	320	323
Young-Davidson Surface	69	32	1	1
Young-Davidson Total	**1,499**	**1,516**	**321**	**324**
El Chanate Total	**69**	**49**	**2**	**14**
Kemess Underground	854	854	125	125
Kemess East	939	-	1,424	-
Kemess Property Total	**1,793**	**854**	**1,549**	**125**
Lynn Lake Total (25%)	**657**	**-**	**522**	**-**
Orion Total (50%)	**65**	**65**	**10**	**10**
AuRico Total	**4,083**	**2,484**	**2,404**	**472**

The Company is also reporting by-product mineral resources:

- Indicated by-product resources including:
  - 346 million pounds of copper from the Kemess Underground Project at a grade of 0.24%; and
  - 504 million pounds of copper from the Kemess East Project at a grade of 0.41%.
- Inferred by-product resources including:
  - 46 million pounds of copper from the Kemess Underground Project at a grade of 0.21%; and
  - 871 million pounds of copper from the Kemess East Project at a grade of 0.34%.

Chris Bostwick, Senior Vice President, Technical Services for AuRico Gold Inc. has reviewed the scientific and technical information contained within this press release and serves as the Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101.

Reserves and Resources (as of December 31, 2014)

Mineral Reserve Estimates - Gold					
		Category	Tonnes (000's)	Grade (g/t)	Ounces (000's)
Young-Davidson	Surface	Proven	2,501	0.76	61
		Probable	-	-	-
		P&P	**2,501**	**0.76**	**61**
	Underground	Proven	12,499	2.83	1,137
		Probable	30,274	2.70	2,626
		P&P	**42,773**	**2.74**	**3,763**
	Total Young-Davidson	**P&P**	**45,273**	**2.63**	**3,823**
El Chanate		Proven	18,255	0.80	472
		Probable	8,958	0.60	174
	Total El Chanate	**P&P**	**27,213**	**0.74**	**646**
Kemess Underground		Proven	-	-	-
		Probable	100,373	0.56	1,805
	Total Kemess	**P&P**	**100,373**	**0.56**	**1,805**
AuRico Total		**P&P**	**172,860**	**1.13**	**6,274**

Mineral Resource Estimates - Gold					
		Category	Tonnes (000's)	Grade (g/t)	Ounces (000's)
Young-Davidson	Surface	Measured	496	1.13	18
		Indicated	1,242	1.28	51
		M&I	**1,739**	**1.24**	**69**
	Underground	Measured	7,855	3.28	829
		Indicated	6,090	3.07	601
		M&I	**13,946**	**3.19**	**1,430**
	Total Young-Davidson	**M&I**	**15,684**	**2.97**	**1,499**
	Surface	Inferred	31	0.99	1
	Underground	Inferred	3,608	2.76	320
	Total Young-Davidson	**Inferred**	**3,639**	**2.75**	**321**
El Chanate		Measured	923	0.58	17
		Indicated	1,842	0.87	52
	Total El Chanate	**M&I**	**2,764**	**0.77**	**69**
		Inferred	184	0.38	2
Kemess Underground		Measured	-	-	-
		Indicated	65,432	0.41	854
	Total Kemess Underground	**M&I**	**65,432**	**0.41**	**854**
		Inferred	9,969	0.39	125
Kemess East		Measured	-	-	-
		Indicated	55,864	0.52	939
	Total Kemess East	**M&I**	**55,864**	**0.52**	**939**
		Inferred	117,152	0.38	1,424
Lynn Lake (25%)	MacLellan	Measured	3,753	1.99	240
		Indicated	4,344	1.75	244
		M&I	**8,096**	**1.86**	**484**
		Inferred	475	2.01	31
	Farley Lake	Measured	-	-	-
		Indicated	1,479	3.21	153
		M&I	**1,479**	**3.21**	**153**
		Inferred	1,091	2.87	101
	Burnt Timber	Measured	-	-	-
		Indicated	255	1.40	11
		M&I	**255**	**1.40**	**11**
		Inferred	5,860	1.04	195
	Linkwood	Measured	-	-	-
		Indicated	246	1.16	9
		M&I	**246**	**1.16**	**9**
		Inferred	5,251	1.16	196
	Total Lynn Lake	**M&I**	**10,076**	**2.03**	**657**
		Inferred	12,676	1.28	522
Orion (50%)		Measured	-	-	-
		Indicated	554	3.66	65
	Total Orion	**M&I**	**554**	**3.65**	**65**
		Inferred	91	3.33	10
AuRico Total		**M&I**	**150,373**	**0.84**	**4,083**
		Inferred	**143,711**	**0.52**	**2,404**

Mineral Reserve and Resource Estimates - Copper and Silver						
			Grade		Contained Metal	
	Category	Tonnes (000's)	Cu (%)	Ag (g/t)	Cu (000's) lbs	Ag (000's) oz
Kemess Underground	Probable Reserves	100,373	0.28	2.0	619,151	6,608
	Indicated Resources	65,432	0.24	1.8	346,546	3,811
	Inferred Resources	9,969	0.21	1.6	46,101	503
Kemess East	Indicated Resources	55,864	0.41	2.0	503,663	3,601
	Inferred Resources	117,152	0.34	1.8	871,407	6,739
Orion (50%)	Indicated Resources	554	-	309	-	5,503
	Inferred Resources	91	-	95	-	275

Notes to Mineral Reserve and Resource tables:

- Mineral Reserves and Resources have been stated as at December 31, 2014.
- Mineral Resources are exclusive of Mineral Reserves. Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.
- El Chanate and Young-Davidson assumed a gold price of $1,250 per ounce for reserves and $1,450 per ounce for resources.
- Kemess Underground assumed a gold price of $1,300 per ounce, a silver price of $23.00 per ounce, and a copper price of $3.00 per pound for reserves. Kemess Underground assumed a $13.00 NSR cutoff for resources. Kemess East assumed a $15.00 NSR cutoff for resources.
- Lynn Lake assumed a gold price of $1,555 per ounce for resources.
- Orion assumed a gold price of $850 per ounce and a silver price of $13.00 per ounce for resources.
- Mineral Reserves assume the following cutoff grades and process recoveries:
    - Young-Davidson – Surface: 0.50 gpt cutoff, 91% mill recovery
    - Young-Davidson – Underground: 1.90 gpt cutoff, 91% mill recovery
    - El Chanate: 0.15 gpt cutoff, 30%-65% leach recovery
    - Kemess Underground: $15 NSR cutoff, mill recovery of 72% for gold and 91% for copper
- Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves have been classified in accordance with Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum ("CIM") "CIM Definition Standards – For Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves" adopted by the CIM Council in accordance with the requirements of National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101"), as is required by Canadian securities regulatory authorities. In addition, while the terms "Measured", "Indicated and "Inferred" Mineral Resources are required pursuant to NI 43-101, the SEC does not recognize such terms. Canadian standards differ significantly from the requirements of the SEC, and mineral resource information contained herein is not comparable to similar information regarding mineral reserves disclosed in accordance with the requirements of the SEC. Investors should understand that "Inferred" Mineral Resources have a great amount of uncertainty as to their existence and great uncertainty as to their economic and legal feasibility. In addition, investors are cautioned not to assume that any part or all of AuRico's Mineral Resources constitute or will be converted into Reserves.
- Orion Mineral Resources are reflected on a 50% basis. Following the completion of a joint venture agreement, Minera Frisco, S.A.B. de C.V. has a 50% interest in the Orion project.
- Lynn Lake Mineral Resources are reflected on a 25% basis. AuRico acquired a 25% interest in the Lynn Lake properties in November 2014.
- Mineral Reserve and Resource tonnage and contained metal have been rounded to reflect the accuracy of the estimate, and numbers may not add due to rounding.
- The Company's normal data verification procedures have been used in collecting, compiling, interpreting and processing the data used to estimate mineral reserves and mineral resources and data underlying the information, opinion and outlook contained herein. Independent data verification has not been performed.
- Mineral Resources were prepared under the supervision and review of Jeffrey Volk, CPG, FAusIMM, the Director of Reserves and Resources, for AuRico Gold Inc. Mineral Reserves were prepared under the supervision and review of Chris Bostwick, FAusIMM, the Senior Vice President Technical Services, for AuRico Gold Inc. Both Messrs Volk and Bostwick are "Qualified Persons" as defined by National Instrument 43-101.

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 cornerstone Young-Davidson gold mine in northern Ontario, and the El Chanate mine in Sonora State, Mexico. AuRico's project pipeline also includes the advanced development Kemess Property in northern British Columbia and the Lynn Lake Gold Camp in northern Manitoba. The Company also has other exploration opportunities in Canada and Mexico. AuRico's head office is located in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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