

AuRico Gold Reports Third Quarter Financial Results and Confirms Declaration of Commercial Production at Young-Davidson

(All amounts are in U.S. dollars, unless otherwise indicated)

Toronto: November 7, 2013: AuRico Gold Inc. (TSX: AUQ) (NYSE: AUQ), (“AuRico” or the “Company”) reports financial results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013. The Company will host a conference call on Friday, November 8, 2013 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time (details below).

Financial Highlights

For the third quarter, the Company reported the following results:

- Revenues of \$54.3 million
- Operating cash flow before changes in working capital⁽¹⁾ of \$21.8 million, or \$0.09 per share
- Adjusted net earnings⁽¹⁾ of \$0.8 million, or \$0.00 per share
- Net earnings of \$14.9 million, or \$0.06 per share, including reversals of net realizable value adjustments previously recognized of \$7.4 million, or \$0.03 per share
- Production of 48,903 gold ounces⁽²⁾
- Cash costs of \$628 per gold ounce⁽¹⁾
- All-in sustaining costs of \$1,210 per gold ounce⁽³⁾

| | First Quarter March 31/13 | Second Quarter June 30/13 | Third Quarter Sept. 30/13 | YTD as of Sept. 30/13 |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Gold Ounces Produced ³ | 46,170 | 48,003 | 48,903 | 143,076 |
| Total Cash Costs per oz. ^{1,2} | \$635 | \$655 | \$628 | \$640 |
| All-in Sustaining Costs per oz. ² | \$1,090 | \$1,189 | \$1,210 | \$1,164 |
| 1. Prior to commissioning the underground mine at Young-Davidson, cash costs are calculated on ounces produced from the open pit only. All underground costs are capitalized, and any revenue related to underground ounces sold is credited against capital. 2. Cash costs, prior to long-term, low-grade stockpile and heap leach inventory net realizable value adjustments & reversals. See the Non-GAAP Measures section on page 20 of the Management's Discussion and Analysis for the three months ended Sept. 30, 2013. 3. Includes pre-production gold ounces from the Young-Davidson underground mine. | | | | |

Recent Highlights

- Effective October 31, 2013 the Company declared commercial production of the Young-Davidson underground mine following the successful commissioning of the shaft and hoisting infrastructure. This key milestone will support increased underground productivities and favourable unit cost efficiencies over the life of the mine and will be pivotal in unlocking the potential of the Young-Davidson mine and positioning the Company for the future.
- The Company's quarterly dividend payment of \$0.04 per share for the third quarter was paid on October 29, 2013. The Company has introduced an optional dividend reinvestment plan to acquire additional common shares by reinvesting cash dividends. Further information on the Company's dividend reinvestment plan is available through the following link: www.auricogold.com/DRIP. The next dividend payment is scheduled to be paid on January 29, 2014 to shareholders of record on January 14, 2014.

⁽¹⁾ See the table at the end of this press release for a reconciliation of adjusted net earnings and adjusted operating cash flow and refer to the discussion of Non-GAAP measures below.

⁽²⁾ Includes 10,447 pre-production gold ounces produced at Young-Davidson during the three months ended September 30, 2013.

⁽³⁾ See the discussion of All-in Sustaining Costs and Non-GAAP measures provided below.

“With the declaration of commercial production at the Young-Davidson underground mine the Company will begin to deliver steadily increasing annual production growth as the shaft and hoisting system supports increased underground productivities over the coming years”, stated Scott Perry, President and Chief Executive Officer. He continued, “With five consecutive quarters of solid, company-wide results being reported, we continue to demonstrate the potential of our high quality asset base and the depth of our operations team. With two quality operations, a strong cash position and a fully-funded growth profile that is underpinned by the potential of the Young-Davidson mine, the Company is well positioned for significant, sustainable and profitable growth going forward.”

Operational Highlights - Continuing Operations

| <i>(in thousands, except ounces, average realized prices and total cash costs)</i> | Young-Davidson | | EI Chanate | | Total | |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Quarter Ended September 30, 2013 | Quarter Ended September 30, 2012 | Quarter Ended September 30, 2013 | Quarter Ended September 30, 2012 | Quarter Ended September 30, 2013 | Quarter Ended September 30, 2012 |
| Gold ounces produced | 19,652 | 9,903 | 18,804 | 19,388 | 38,456 | 29,291 |
| Pre-production gold ounces produced ⁽³⁾ | 10,447 | 7,922 | - | - | 10,447 | 7,922 |
| Total gold ounces produced | 30,099 | 17,825 | 18,804 | 19,388 | 48,903 | 37,213 |
| Total cash costs per gold ounce ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | \$666 | \$639 | \$588 | \$470 | \$628 | \$528 |
| Revenue from mining operations | \$29,584 | \$7,067 | \$24,720 | \$32,705 | \$54,304 | \$39,772 |
| Average realized gold price per ounce | \$1,333 | \$1,756 | \$1,330 | \$1,655 | \$1,332 | \$1,672 |

| <i>(in thousands, except ounces, average realized prices and total cash costs)</i> | Young-Davidson | | EI Chanate | | Total | |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 |
| Gold ounces produced | 59,639 | 9,903 | 55,444 | 56,363 | 115,083 | 66,266 |
| Pre-production gold ounces produced ⁽³⁾ | 27,993 | 19,872 | - | - | 27,993 | 19,872 |
| Total gold ounces produced | 87,632 | 29,775 | 55,444 | 56,363 | 143,076 | 86,138 |
| Total cash costs per gold ounce ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | \$692 | \$639 | \$586 | \$448 | \$640 | \$477 |
| Revenue from mining operations | \$93,019 | \$7,067 | \$83,830 | \$93,436 | \$176,849 | \$100,503 |
| Average realized gold price per ounce | \$1,447 | \$1,756 | \$1,433 | \$1,665 | \$1,440 | \$1,671 |

⁽¹⁾ See the tables at the end of this press release for a reconciliation of adjusted net earnings and adjusted operating cash flow and refer to the discussion of Non-GAAP measures below. Total cash costs per gold ounce have been presented prior to net realizable value adjustments and reversals on the Young-Davidson low-grade long-term stockpile inventory and the EI Chanate heap leach ore in process inventory. The Company has restated adjusted net earnings for 2012.

⁽²⁾ Certain comparative information has been restated as a result of the adoption of IFRIC 20, Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine, which was applied prospectively to production stripping costs incurred on or after January 1, 2012. For further details, refer to the Critical Accounting Estimates, Policies and Changes section on page 24 in the Company's Management's Discussion & Analysis or note 3(a) to the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013.

⁽³⁾ The Young-Davidson open pit mine declared commercial production on September 1, 2012, and is therefore excluded from consolidated cash costs prior to this date. Pre-production ounces produced are excluded from consolidated ounces produced as these ounces are credited against capitalized project costs when sold.

Financial Highlights - Continuing Operations

| <i>(in thousands, except per share amounts)</i> | Quarter Ended September 30, 2013 | Quarter Ended September 30, 2012 ⁽²⁾ |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| Adjusted net earnings / (loss) ⁽¹⁾ | \$816 | (\$1,180) |
| Adjusted net earnings / (loss) per share, basic ⁽¹⁾ | \$0.00 | (\$0.00) |
| Net earnings | \$14,859 | \$42,321 |
| Net earnings per share, basic | \$0.06 | \$0.15 |
| Adjusted operating cash flow ⁽¹⁾ | \$21,758 | (\$149) |

| <i>(in thousands, except per share amounts)</i> | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 ⁽²⁾ |
|---|---|--|
| Adjusted net earnings ⁽¹⁾ | \$18,536 | \$3,398 |
| Adjusted net earnings per share, basic ⁽¹⁾ | \$0.07 | \$0.01 |
| Net (loss) / earnings | (\$70,358) | \$35,363 |
| Net (loss) / earnings per share, basic | (\$0.28) | \$0.12 |
| Adjusted operating cash flow ⁽¹⁾ | \$60,571 | \$6,716 |

Adjusted Net Earnings Reconciliation

| <i>(in thousands, except per share metrics)</i> | Quarter Ended September 30, 2013 | Quarter Ended September 30, 2012 |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Net earnings from continuing operations | \$14,859 | \$42,321 |
| Adjustments: | | |
| Deferred income tax recovery related to foreign exchange | (7,335) | (17,511) |
| Unrealized foreign exchange loss | 2,482 | 7,952 |
| Net realizable value adjustments on inventory | (7,372) | - |
| Gain on option component of convertible notes | (3,875) | (14,416) |
| Unrealized gains on investments | - | (20,251) |
| Unrealized gain on derivatives | - | (730) |
| Unrealized loss / (gain) on contingent consideration | 63 | (5,137) |
| Other (including tax effect of adjustments) | 1,994 | 6,592 |
| Adjusted net earnings / (loss) from continuing operations | \$816 | (\$1,180) |
| Adjusted net earnings / (loss) from continuing operations, per share | \$0.00 | (\$0.00) |
| Net loss from discontinued operations | - | (\$7,781) |
| Adjustments: | | |
| Unrealized foreign exchange loss | - | 2,190 |
| Net realizable value adjustments on inventory | - | (6,074) |
| Disposition-related costs | - | 5,327 |
| Gain on disposition of El Cubo and Guadalupe y Calvo | - | (24,062) |
| Ocampo outside tax basis adjustment | - | 39,168 |
| Tax impact | - | 3,695 |
| Adjusted net earnings from discontinued operations | - | \$12,463 |
| Adjusted net earnings from discontinued operations, per share | - | \$0.04 |
| Adjusted net earnings | \$816 | \$11,283 |
| Adjusted net earnings, per share | \$0.00 | \$0.04 |

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| <i>(in thousands, except per share metrics)</i> | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 |
|--|---|---|
| Net (loss) / earnings from continuing operations | (\$70,358) | \$35,363 |
| Adjustments: | | |
| Deferred income tax expense / (recovery) related to foreign exchange | 5,218 | (16,414) |
| Unrealized foreign exchange (gain) / loss | (7,195) | 12,961 |
| Net realizable value adjustments on inventory | 4,873 | - |
| Impairment charges | 98,688 | - |
| Gain on option component of convertible notes | (14,850) | (10,232) |
| Unrealized gains on investments | - | (17,632) |
| Unrealized gain on derivatives | (2,071) | (1,923) |
| Unrealized loss / (gain) on contingent consideration | 6,912 | (5,137) |
| Other (including tax effect of adjustments) | (2,681) | 6,412 |
| Adjusted net earnings from continuing operations | \$18,536 | \$3,398 |
| Adjusted net earnings from continuing operations, per share | \$0.07 | \$0.01 |
| Net earnings from discontinued operations | - | \$22,075 |
| Adjustments: | | |
| Unrealized foreign exchange loss | - | 9,471 |
| Loss on disposition of Australian operations | - | 1,736 |
| Net realizable value adjustments on inventory | - | 8,292 |
| Impairment of Australian Operations | - | 22,857 |
| Disposition-related costs | - | 5,327 |
| Gain on disposition of El Cubo and Guadalupe y Calvo | - | (24,062) |
| Ocampo outside tax basis adjustment | - | 39,168 |
| Tax impact | - | 2,904 |
| Adjusted net earnings from discontinued operations | - | \$87,768 |
| Adjusted net earnings from discontinued operations, per share | - | \$0.31 |
| Adjusted net earnings | \$18,536 | \$91,166 |
| Adjusted net earnings, per share | \$0.07 | \$0.32 |

Adjusted Operating Cash Flow Reconciliation

| <i>(in thousands, except per share metrics)</i> | Quarter Ended September 30, 2013 | Quarter Ended September 30, 2012 |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Operating cash flow from continuing operations | \$24,338 | (\$5,653) |
| Add back: Non-cash change in operating working capital | (2,580) | 5,504 |
| Adjusted operating cash flow from continuing operations | \$21,758 | (\$149) |
| Adjusted operating cash flow from continuing operations, per share | \$0.09 | (\$0.00) |

| <i>(in thousands, except per share metrics)</i> | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 |
|---|---|---|
| Operating cash flow from continuing operations | \$51,312 | \$582 |
| Add back: Non-cash change in operating working capital | 9,259 | 6,134 |
| Adjusted operating cash flow from continuing operations | \$60,571 | \$6,716 |
| Adjusted operating cash flow from continuing operations, per share | \$0.24 | \$0.02 |

Non-GAAP Measures

The Company uses the measures adjusted net earnings, cash costs per ounce, all-in sustaining costs per ounce, adjusted operating cash flow and net free cash flow in this press release, which do not have a standardized meaning prescribed by International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS” or “GAAP”). They are, therefore, considered to be non-GAAP measures and may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. The non-GAAP measures cash costs per ounce, all-in sustaining costs per ounce and net free cash flow are reconciled to the Company’s financial statements beginning on page 20 of the Company’s Management’s Discussion and Analysis for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013.

Adjusted net earnings is comprised of net earnings from both continuing and discontinued operations, adjusted for specific items. While the adjustments to net earnings in this measure include items that are recurring, adjusted net earnings is a useful measure as the unrealized gains / losses on foreign exchange, fair value adjustments on contingent consideration and derivatives, impairment charges, net realizable value adjustments, and other non-recurring items do not reflect the underlying operating performance of the Company’s core mining business in the periods presented and are not necessarily indicative of future operating results.

Adjusted operating cash flow excludes the change in non-cash operating working capital, which includes changes in receivables, inventories, prepaid assets, and payables.

Financial Statements and Management’s Discussion and Analysis

The financial statements and related Management’s Discussion and Analysis can be found on the Company’s website at www.auricogold.com or under the Company’s profile on www.sedar.com and with the Securities and Exchange Commission at www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml (“Edgar”).

Third Quarter Conference Call and Webcast

A webcast and conference call will be held on **Friday, November 8, 2013** starting at **8:30 a.m. Eastern Time**. Senior management will be on the call to discuss the results.

Conference Call Access

- International & Toronto: 1-647-427-7450
- Canada & U.S. Toll Free: 1-888-231-8191

When the operator answers, please ask to be placed into the AuRico Gold Third Quarter Results Conference Call.

Conference Call Live Webcast

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Archive Call Access

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- International & Toronto: 1-416-849-0833 Passcode: #76263849
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Archive Webcast

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About AuRico Gold

AuRico Gold is a leading Canadian gold producer with mines and projects in North America that have solid 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 development opportunities in Canada and Mexico. AuRico's head office is located in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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Such factors include, but are not limited to: changes to current estimates of mineral reserves and resources; fluctuations in the price of gold; changes in foreign exchange rates (particularly the Canadian dollar, Mexican peso and U.S. dollar); the impact of inflation; changes in our credit rating; any decision to declare a quarterly dividend; employee relations; litigation; disruptions affecting operations; availability of and increased costs associated with mining inputs and labor; development delays at the Young-Davidson mine; operating or technical difficulties in connection with mining or development activities; inherent risks associated with mining and mineral processing; the risk that the Young-Davidson and El Chanate mines may not perform as planned; uncertainty with the Company's ability to secure capital to execute its business plans; the speculative nature of mineral exploration and development, including the risks of obtaining necessary licenses and permits; contests over title to properties; changes in national and local government legislation in Canada, Mexico and other jurisdictions in which the Company does or may carry on business in the future; risk of loss due to sabotage and civil disturbances; the impact of global liquidity and credit availability and the values of assets and liabilities based on projected future cash flows; risks arising from holding derivative instruments; business opportunities that may be pursued by the Company. Many of these uncertainties and contingencies can affect our actual results and could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements made by, or on behalf of, us. Readers are cautioned that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. All of the forward-looking statements made in this presentation are qualified by these cautionary statements. Specific reference is made to the most recent Form 40-F/Annual Information Form on file with the SEC and Canadian provincial securities regulatory authorities for a discussion of some of the factors underlying forward-looking statements.

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