

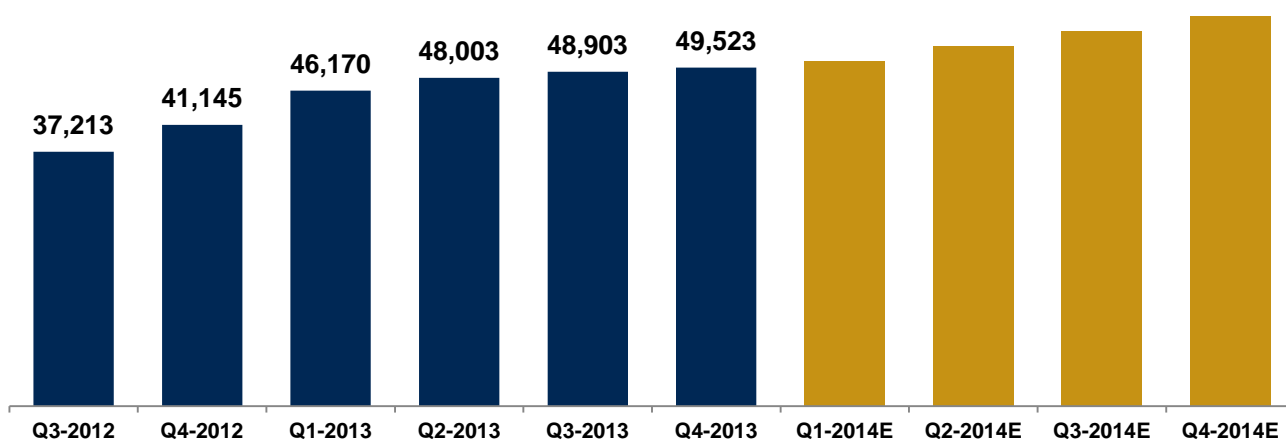
## AuRico Gold Announces 2014 Operational Outlook Company-Wide Production Increasing by up to 25%

**Toronto: February 6, 2014: AuRico Gold Inc. (TSX: AUQ) (NYSE: AUQ)**, (“AuRico” or the “Company”) announces operational and capital investment estimates for 2014 that include significant production growth from the Young-Davidson mine as the operation enters its first full year of a three-year underground ramp-up to targeted production levels. All amounts are in U.S. dollars unless otherwise indicated. The Company will host a conference call and webcast on February 7, 2014 at 8:30 am ET.

### 2014 Operational Estimates

In 2014, company-wide production is expected to be in the range of 210,000 to 240,000 gold ounces, an increase of up to 25%. Production growth is primarily driven by quarter over quarter production increases from the cornerstone Young-Davidson mine. Company-wide cash costs are expected to be between \$675 and \$775 per ounce while all-in sustaining costs are expected to be between \$1,100 and \$1,200 per ounce. Capital investment requirements of \$125 to \$135 million have declined by up to 40% over the previous year reflecting the completion of construction activities at the Young-Davidson mine. It is anticipated that annual capital investment requirements as well as all-in sustaining costs per ounce will continue to further decline over the coming years.

### Disciplined Quarterly Production Growth Profile<sup>(1)</sup>



(1) 2014 quarterly production indicated in the chart above is illustrative of expected production increases and should not be considered as quarterly guidance

“Company-wide gold production is expected to significantly increase due to the steadily increasing production profile from our cornerstone Young-Davidson mine. In the first quarter, gold production from both assets is expected to increase over the prior quarter, which will represent the seventh consecutive quarter of company-wide gold production growth. This operational momentum is expected to continue throughout the year positioning the Company to deliver reliable, consistent and sustainable production growth,” stated Scott Perry. He continued, “The Company is uniquely positioned with a low-cost asset base located in top jurisdictions that provide significant organic growth and a management team that is focused on quality production and a capital allocation strategy that positions the Company for long term value creation.”

**2014 Operational Estimates**

<b>2014 Operational Estimates<sup>1</sup></b>	
<b>Gold Production (ounces)</b>	
Young-Davidson	140,000 – 160,000
El Chanate	70,000 - 80,000
<b>Total Production</b>	<b>210,000 – 240,000</b>
<b>Cash Costs per Ounce</b>	
Young-Davidson	
Underground Mine	\$650 - \$750
Open Pit (incl. stockpile)	\$850 - \$950
Young-Davidson Total	\$700 - \$800
El Chanate	\$625 - \$725
<b>Total Cash Costs per Ounce</b>	<b>\$675 - \$775</b>
<b>All-in Sustaining Costs</b>	
Young-Davidson	\$1,100 - \$1,200
El Chanate	\$1,000 - \$1,100
<b>Total All-in Sustaining Costs per Ounce<sup>2,3</sup></b>	<b>\$1,100 - \$1,200</b>
<b>Capital Investment Program (US\$000's)</b>	
<b>Young-Davidson</b>	
<b>Non-Recurring Capital</b>	
<b>Lower Mine Vertical Development</b>	
MCM Shaft Deepening	\$15,000
Lower Mine Ramp Advance	\$10,000
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Underground Mobile Equipment	\$10,000
Underground Ventilation Infrastructure	\$5,000
Surface Capital Projects	\$10,000
<b>Sustaining Capital</b>	
Underground Development – Production Ramp-up	\$55,000 - \$60,000
<b>Total Capital Investment – Young Davidson</b>	<b>\$105,000 - \$110,000</b>
<b>El Chanate</b>	
Capitalized Stripping	\$17,500 - \$22,500
Surface Capital Projects	\$2,500
<b>Total Capital Investment – El Chanate</b>	<b>\$20,000 - \$25,000</b>
<b>Total Capital Investment</b>	<b>\$125,000 - \$135,000</b>
<b>Exploration (US\$000's)</b>	
<b>Company-Wide Exploration</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>General and Administrative (US\$000's)<sup>4</sup></b>	
<b>Corporate G&amp;A</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> The following currency assumptions were used to forecast 2014 estimates: 0.95:1 US dollar to the Canadian dollar and 13.0:1 Mexican pesos to the US dollar

<sup>2</sup> All-in sustaining costs are defined as cash costs, sustaining capital, corporate general and administrative expense and sustaining exploration.

<sup>3</sup> Sustaining capital is defined as capital expenditures required to maintain current levels of production.

<sup>4</sup> Does not include share-based compensation or corporate restructuring costs.

## Young-Davidson

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- Production is expected to increase by up to 32% to between 140,000 and 160,000 ounces. Productivity from the underground mine for the first quarter of 2014 is expected to average approximately 2,500 tpd and is expected to grow steadily throughout the year as the underground mine ramps-up to a targeted year-end exit rate of 4,000 tpd. The Company anticipates achieving an ultimate sustainable productivity rate of 8,000 tpd by the end of 2016.
- In November and December 2013, underground unit mining costs averaged \$39 per tonne. In the first quarter of 2014, unit mining costs are expected to average approximately \$45 per tonne, reflecting the inclusion of paste fill operations following the commissioning of the paste backfill plant in early January. The unit mining costs are then expected to decrease throughout the year, corresponding with planned quarter-over-quarter increases in underground productivity.
- Underground cash costs are expected to average between \$650 and \$750 per ounce for the year in-line with targeted levels and underpinned by the efficiencies realized through the shaft hoisting system. Further cost efficiencies are expected to be realized as productivity increases over the next three years.
- Site-wide cash costs, which include higher cost open pit ore, are expected to average between \$700 and \$800 per ounce. Open pit mining operations are scheduled to cease in mid-year as the open pit mine reaches the end of its scheduled mine life.
- All-in sustaining costs are expected to average between \$1,100 and \$1,200 per ounce and are anticipated to continue decreasing as production ramps-up to targeted levels.
- In the Upper mine, which primarily represents the next 8 years of mine life, 75% of the 2014 mine plan is already laterally accessed and 100% is vertically accessed. Beginning in 2014, the Company will commence vertical development of the Lower Mine, which is the portion of the ore body below the 9590 level that will provide access to the entire ore body and secure production over the 20 year strategic mine life. In 2014, vertical development activities will primarily be focused on advancing decline development into the lower mine and sinking the MCM services shaft to final depth.

## EI Chanate

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- Production is expected to be between 70,000 and 80,000 ounces, consistent with previous year's production levels as the mine continues to consistently operate at targeted levels.
- Cash costs are expected to be between \$625 and \$725 per ounce. All-in sustaining costs are expected to be between \$1,000 and \$1,100 per ounce.
- Following a successful drilling program in 2013, the Company will focus on follow-up drilling in the three key areas of mineralization that were identified outside the open pit as well as the EI Chanate Deeps area located under the current open pit floor. The Company will also begin fieldwork to identify new potential targets on the Company's expanded land package located northwest and southeast of the mine site, which provides access to an additional 20 kilometres along the prospective EI Chanate Trend.

## Cost Containment Initiatives

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- Due to the current gold price environment, management undertook a thorough review of the Company's cost structure in order to streamline the business and best position the Company for long-term success. In the fourth quarter of 2013, numerous contracts were renegotiated on more favourable terms and more than 50 positions were eliminated at the EI Chanate mine site.
- During the first quarter of 2014, the Company reduced its corporate head office personnel by 30%. The Board of Directors also reduced the size of the board from nine to eight, rather than fill an existing vacancy. These initiatives are intended to preserve the long-term health and success of the Company.

## Upcoming News Flow

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The Company expects to issue the following updates during the first half of 2014:

- 2013 Reserves and Resources (first week of March)
- Fourth Quarter and Annual financial results (March 3)
- Q1 2014 Production Preview (mid-April)
- Company-Wide Exploration Update (late-April)
- Q1 2014 Financial Results (May 8)
- Annual General Meeting (May 9)

## Conference Call and Webcast

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The Company will host a conference call and webcast on Friday, February 7, 2014 beginning at 8:30 a.m. ET.

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Please ask the operator to connect you to the AuRico Gold conference call.

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- Local Toronto Participants: 1-416-849-0833 Passcode: # 62848125
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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 advanced development opportunities in Canada and Mexico. AuRico's head office is located in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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