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Aurelius Commences Drilling at its Aureus West Project in Nova Scotia

Toronto, ON - Aurelius Minerals Inc. (TSX.V: AUL) (the “Company” or “Aurelius”) is pleased to announce it has received approval from the Government of Nova Scotia for the initial 4,000 metre (“m”) drilling program at the Aureus West project and drilling has commenced. Aurelius has contracted Major Drilling Group International Inc. to execute the surface drilling program as well as the concurrent underground drilling program at the Aureus East project.

Drilling Program Highlights

- 4,000m of drilling at the Aureus West project to take place concurrently with ongoing 6,000m underground program at the Aureus East project;
- Surface drilling at Aureus West aims to extend the depth of previously known gold mineralization at depth and along strike, as well as discover additional auriferous saddles along parallel potentially mineralized trend near surface.

Surface drilling at Aureus West will aim to extend the gold mineralized corridor below the approximate current depth of 300m and drill laterally to confirm the potential for parallel saddle systems. The Aureus West program aims to drill to depths of up to 1km from surface and covering 400m of strike along the main anticline. There is evidence from surface mapping, LIDAR and historical drilling of the presence of additional anticlines, potentially with their own gold bearing saddle veins to the north and south of the main anticline.

Mark N.J. Ashcroft, P.Eng, President and CEO of Aurelius stated, “We want to thank the Government of Nova Scotia for its cooperation and guidance through the approval process. Having received approval to drill from surface, we are excited to begin this initial surface drilling program at our Aureus West project”

Jeremy Niemi, P.Geo. and Vice President, Exploration also commented, “Following our successful logging and sampling campaign of historical core, we are well positioned to initiate surface drilling at Aureus West. Based on the data we have seen to date and our fieldwork; Aureus West demonstrates significant geologic potential and an opportunity to grow our gold resources. Our program aims to extend gold mineralization at depth and near surface.” Mr. Niemi continued, “Recently interpreted LIDAR surveys and past drilling seem to suggest the emergence of a parallel mineralized trend, we are working to better define this exciting new target area as we advance our project.”

Update on Other Aureus Gold Projects

Underground drilling at Aureus East is well underway; the team has completed two holes (764m). Results of our drilling will be made available as sampling and assay data is received. Further to the Company's press release (September 9, 2020), 21 of 27 previously unsampled and un-assayed drill holes from Aureus West and East are currently at the ALS Geochemistry facility in Moncton, NB. Results will be released to the market as they become available. In addition to the commencement of drilling at Aureus West, the Company is continuing its geological compilation and target evaluation work at the Tangier and Forest Hill projects ahead of future drilling.

COVID-19 Precautions

Aurelius has developed and implemented compliant precautions and procedures that are in line with guidelines for the Province of Nova Scotia. Protocols were put in place to ensure the safety of our employees and contractors, thereby reducing the potential for community contact and spreading of the virus.

Qualified Person

Mr. Jeremy Niemi, P.Geol. and Vice President, Exploration of Aurelius and the Company's Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 has reviewed and approved the technical information in this release.

About Aurelius

Aurelius is a well-positioned gold exploration company focused on advancing its recently acquired and renamed Aureus Gold Properties, including Aureus West, the Tangier Gold Project and the Forest Hill Gold Project located in Nova Scotia and described in detail in the Company's press release of November 18, 2019.

Aurelius is also focused on advancing two district-scale gold projects in the Abitibi Greenstone Belt in Ontario, Canada, one of the world's most prolific mining districts; the 968-hectare Mikwam Property, in the Burntbush area on the Casa Berardi trend and the 12,425-hectare Lipton Property, on the Lower Detour Trend.

The Company has a sound management team with experience in all facets of the mineral exploration and mining industry who will be considering additional acquisitions of advanced staged opportunities in Nova Scotia, the Abitibi and other proven mining districts.

On Behalf of the Board

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