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Aura secures additional high potential uranium exploration holdings in Mauritania

HIGHLIGHTS

- **New joint venture with Ghazal Minerals Limited covering 544km² over extensive uranium anomalies**
- **Aura can earn up to 70% interest in two permits by funding exploration of \$4m**
- **Recent sampling located shallow calcrete uranium mineralisation on both Ghazal permits, which adjoin areas currently being drilled by Forte Energy**
- **This acquisition strengthens Aura's strategy and position in northern Mauritania where recent drilling on its permits has identified extensive and significant uranium mineralisation**
- **Assay results from this sampling to be reported this month**
- **Aura will carry out drilling programme to test extent and strength of mineralisation**

Aura's Managing Director, Dr Bob Beeson commented, "We are excited about the Ghazal joint venture. This is high potential, underexplored uranium ground. Aura's participation will significantly strengthen the company's position in Mauritania and this emerging uranium province."

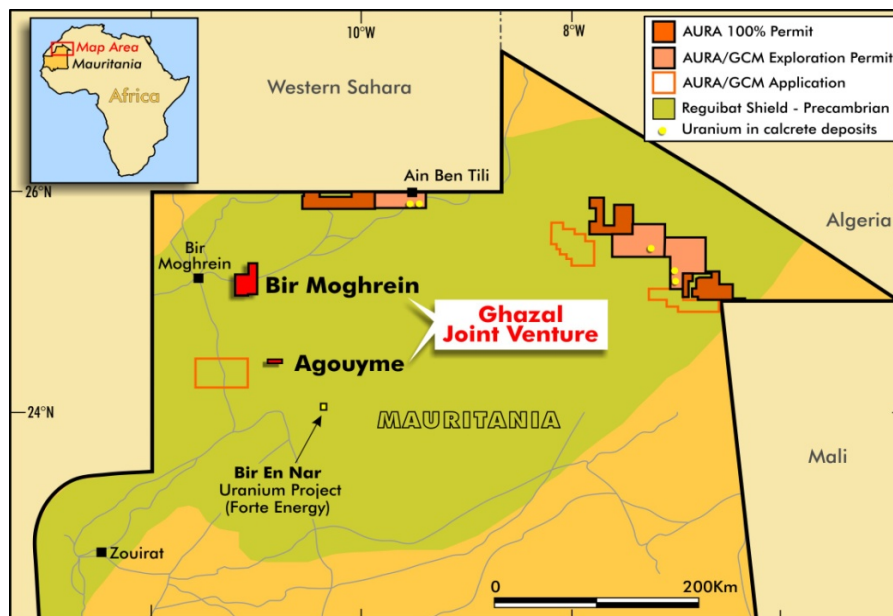
Aura Energy (AEE) is a uranium explorer with advanced projects in Sweden, West Africa and Australia. The company is focusing on two main projects: the Storsjön Project located in Sweden's Alum Shale Province, one of the largest depositories of uranium in the world; and the highly prospective Reguibat Province in Mauritania. The company aims to create shareholder value by rapidly establishing resources and then completing feasibility studies on these two projects. Aura Energy is headquartered in Melbourne, Australia and has been listed on the ASX since May 2006.

Joint Venture Agreement

Aura Energy (ASX Code AEE, "Aura") has signed a farm-in joint venture agreement with Ghazal Minerals Limited on two exploration permits, the Bir Moghreïn and Agouyme permits. The permits are located on the Reguibat Craton in Northern Mauritania and cover 544km² with extensive anomalous uranium defined by airborne radiometric surveys.

The joint venture will significantly increase Aura's holdings in what is considered to be an emerging uranium province. The two permits supplement Aura's seven granted permits.

Under the terms of the joint venture, Aura can earn up to 70% interest in the Bir Moghreïn and Agouyme permits by funding and managing explorations costs. Aura can earn 55% by contributing \$2 million on exploration costs, and can elect to earn a further 15% by contributing an additional \$2 million. The joint venture combines Ghazal Minerals' extensive experience in the international minerals industry and Aura's exploration and operational expertise in the region, adding value for both companies.



Permit areas in Northern Mauritania

Uranium in the Reguibat Craton, Northern Mauritania

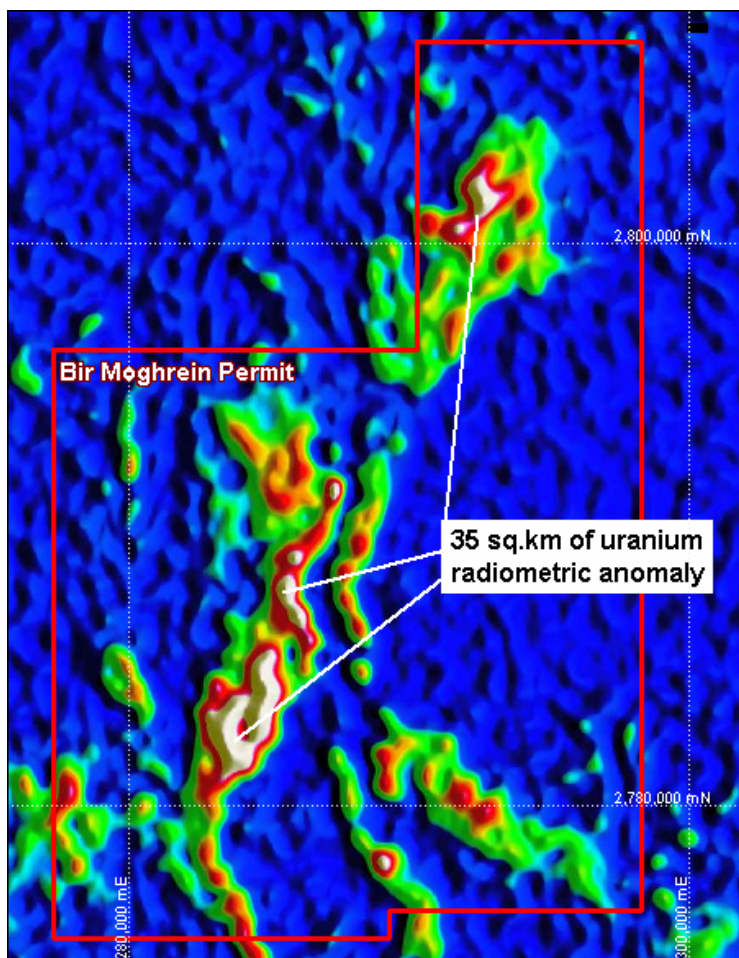
The Reguibat Craton area in Northern Mauritania is anticipated to be a major emerging uranium province. The West African region hosts several world class uranium mines. Ghazal Minerals has recently completed a programme of ground geophysics and shallow trenching and sampling which located uranium mineralisation (carnotite) associated with calcrete on both permits. Aura believes these results indicate excellent potential for both shallow flat lying uranium in calcrete mineralisation and for mineralisation extending at depth in the basement rocks. Aura is awaiting assay samples from this programme.

The Ghazal permits adjoin Forte Energy Ltd's permits which have reported calcrete uranium mineralisation. Forte Energy Ltd recently announced it is completing a 6000 metre drilling programme to test calcrete-type uranium mineralisation.

These new permits substantially extend Aura’s holdings in the region. Aura has recently completed a 392-hole drill programme on its permits, confirming widespread calcrete uranium mineralisation, generally two to four metres thick and close to surface. Aura expects to report a JORC compliant resource statement by early 2011.

Next Steps

Aura will commence a drilling programme to test the extent and strength of uranium mineralisation on the Ghazal joint venture permits.



Bir Moghreïn permit showing the extensive uranium radiometric anomalies. This permit contains the greatest area of uranium radiometric anomalies of any exploration permit in Mauritania.

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