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## REGUIBAT, MAURITANIA DRILLING COMPLETED

The first drilling programme in at the Reguibat Project in northern Mauritania has been completed. The programme comprised 392 holes, with a total length drilled of 2146 metres. The majority of these were short, vertical holes, testing near-surface calcrete-type mineralisation...

Downhole logging is in progress on site.

The drill samples are now being transported to Nouakchott, from where they will be taken by road to the laboratory in Bamako in Mali. There the samples will be prepared, and then sent to Canada for assay. Results are anticipated in the second half of February.

Aura has not been able to drill the Fai Project in this programme because the drill rig provided by the contractor was unsuitable for this work.

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### Corporate Information

#### Directors

B Fraser	Non-Executive Chairman
Dr B Beeson	Managing Director
S O'Loughlin	Non-Executive Director
J Stephenson	Non- Executive Director & Company Secretary

#### Issued Capital

As at the date of this report the issued capital of the Company is comprised of:

83,232,659 fully paid ordinary shares  
7,550,000 unlisted options

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