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## MAURITANIA RESOURCE DRILLING ON TRACK TO COMMENCE LATE NOVEMBER

### HIGHLIGHTS

- **Wallis Drilling appointed for resource drilling**
- **Drilling to commence late November**
- **On track to establish resource in first half of 2011**

**Aura Energy Limited (ASX Code AEE, "Aura")** has signed an agreement with Wallis Drilling Pty Ltd for 10,000 metres of air core drilling to establish the initial resource for the company's Reguibat Project in Mauritania.

The drilling rig is currently en route between Europe and Nouakchott in Mauritania, and is expected to be on site in the last week of November.

Aura's Managing Director, Dr Bob Beeson said: "We are pleased that we have acquired a drilling rig for Aura's resource drilling in Mauritania. The shortage of rigs in Mauritania has forced Aura to locate a rig outside of the country, but it is scheduled to arrive in the capital, Nouakchott, in November."

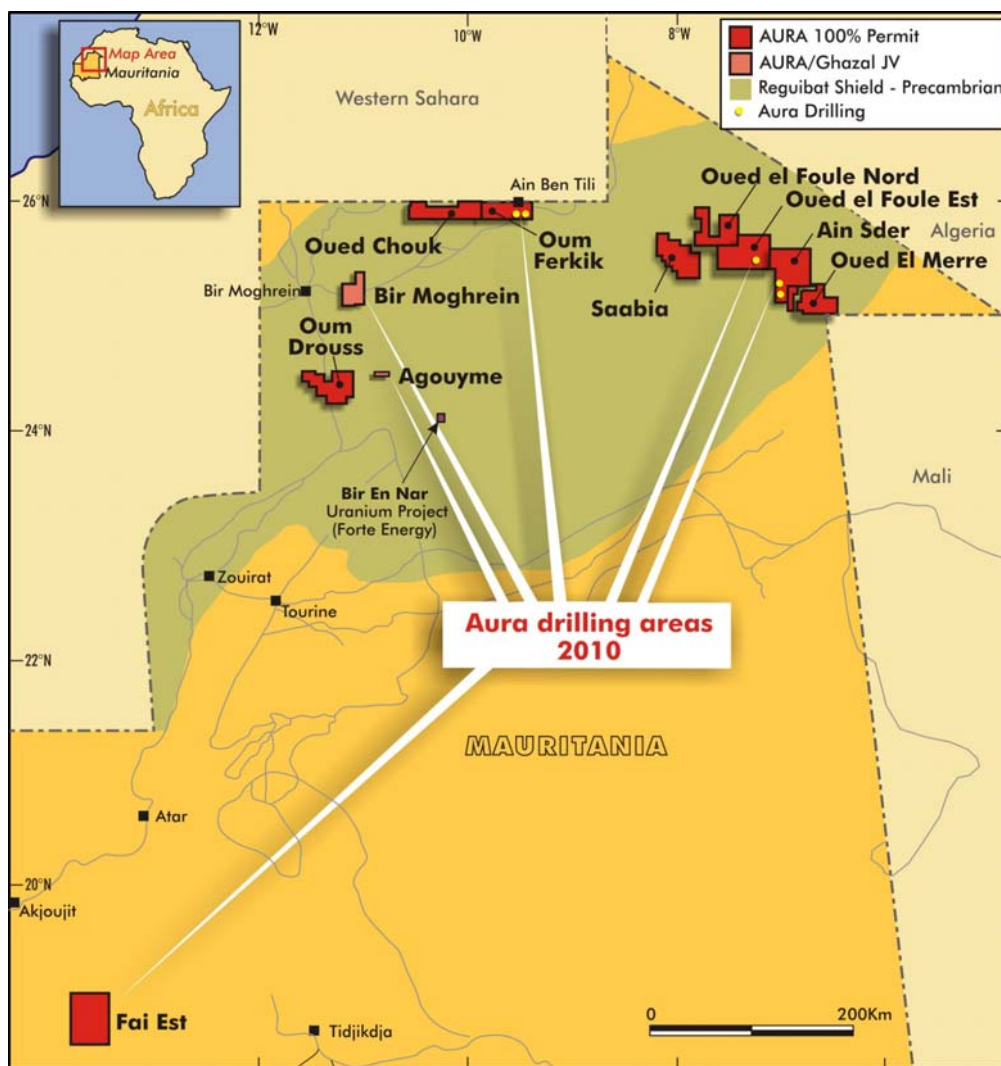
"The drilling programme will last for two to three months. We are on track to establish the first calcrete uranium resource in the country within the first half of 2011."

Aura completed the initial drilling of calcrete mineralisation in Mauritania earlier in 2010. Aura's 392-hole drill programme confirms the presence of the widespread calcrete uranium mineralisation generally two to four metres in thickness, and locally up to six metres thickness.

- Uranium grades and extent of the mineralisation were highly encouraging - individual one metre drill samples ranged up to 4056 ppm  $U_3O_8$
- The average uranium grade of all samples with assays greater than 100ppm  $U_3O_8$  cut-off was 264 ppm for reconnaissance drill holes, and 424 ppm  $U_3O_8$  for close-spaced drilling
- The percentage of holes with greater than 100ppm  $U_3O_8$  in the 16 square kilometres tested was 46%

Aura drill tested less than half of its known target areas in areas with existing radiometrics in the previous drill programme.

Aura's target of 40 to 60million pounds of  $U_3O_8$  at an average grade of 300 to 450 ppm in its permits has been supported by the first phase of drilling. (This target is conceptual in nature, the potential quantity and grade of this target is conceptual in nature, that there has been insufficient exploration to define a Mineral Resource and that it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the determination of a Mineral Resource).



**Mauritania : Aura Planned Drilling 2010**

**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 Håggån 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.**

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