

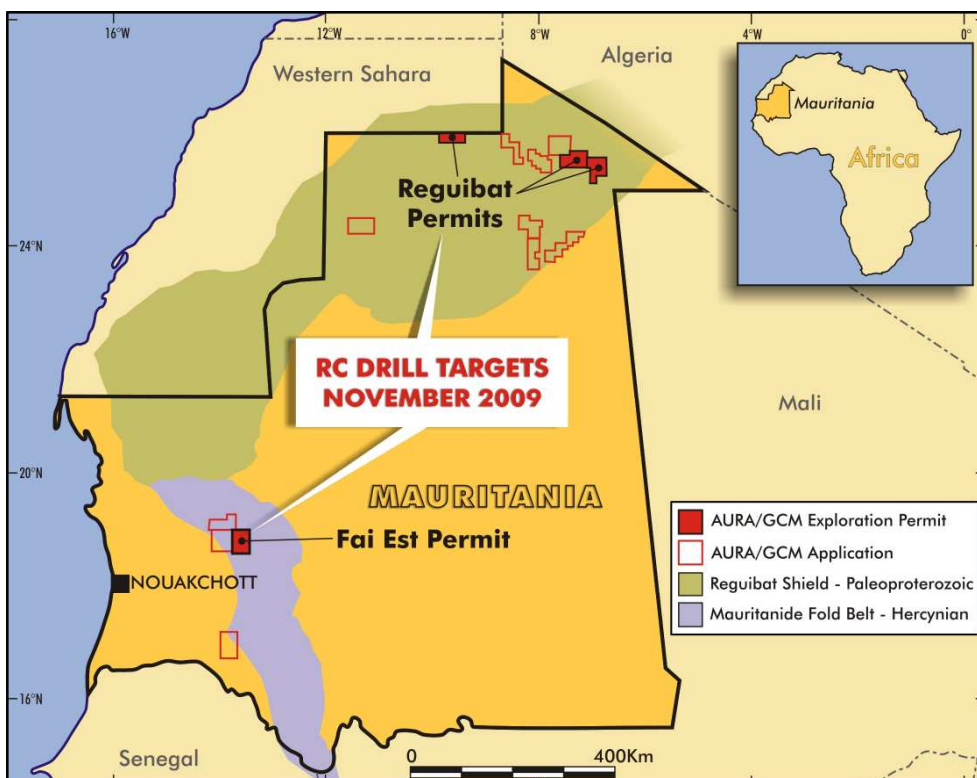
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## MAURITANIA DRILLING PROGRAMME UPDATE

Aura has been advised by the drilling company that will carry out the drilling programme at Aura's two Mauritania projects this quarter that the rig is expected to arrive by ship in Nouakchott at the end of October. Aura anticipates that the drilling will commence in early November. Aura will report the when drilling is commencing.

The programme of 4,500 metres of reverse circulation drilling will be carried out in four uranium Exploration Permits held by Aura / GCM. The drilling programme is aimed at determining the extent and continuity of the widespread shallow mineralisation located to date.

Uranium mineralisation, in places high grade (up to +3000 ppm  $U_3O_8$ ), has been located on all four permits



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*The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources, or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Dr Robert Beeson. Dr Robert Beeson has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking, and is a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. This qualifies Dr Beeson as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Dr Robert Beeson consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.*

**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:

74,152,659 fully paid ordinary shares  
3,050,000 unlisted options

**About Aura Energy**

**Aura Energy** (ASX: AEE, "Aura") is a uranium explorer with projects in Australia, Sweden and Africa. The Company has assembled an exceptional portfolio of properties on three continents, including a major presence in Sweden's Alum Shale Province, one of the largest depositories of uranium in the world. The Company continues to be very active, with drilling completed on all three continents in 2008.

Aura is a major landholder in the mineralised Alum Shale of central Sweden. The Alum Shale is widely distributed throughout the Baltic States and locally contains exceptionally large resources of uranium, vanadium, molybdenum and nickel.

Aura's Storsjön Project adjoins Continental Precious Metals' (TSX: CZQ) Viken Project, which has a published resource of 1.05 billion pounds U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> grading 0.017%. This size of resource makes Viken the second largest published uranium deposit in the world after Olympic Dam.

Aura's considers that it holds approximately half of the uranium field, and anticipates defining resources of similar size to Viken in its Storsjön Project.

In an alliance with GCM Resources plc (LSE & AIM: GCM), Aura is exploring in West Africa. Under the alliance, Aura has been granted four exploration licences in Mauritania and applied 10 further licences. Two phases of fieldwork at Its Requibat Project has demonstrated the presence of large areas of calcrete-type uranium mineralisation at surface, with grade averaging in excess of 500 ppm U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>.

The Company has also made applications for three in Niger on the margin of the Air Massif. Uranium mineralisation has been observed in all three Mauritanian licences.



In Australia, Aura is exploring prospective uranium districts of Western Australia targeting calcrete deposits in the Murchison and Goldfields regions and lignite/sandstone Mulga Rock style in the Gunbarrel Basin. Aura has a joint venture with Mega Redport (TSX: MGA) and exploration is continuing at palaeochannel targets defined by EM and radiometrics. Aura has completed three drilling programmes at its Wondinong Project (100%), located near Mt Magnet.

Aura's management team and staff are highly experienced in uranium exploration, including involvement in a number of historical discoveries.

GCM Resources plc is a London based company quoted on the London Stock Exchange's Alternative Investment Market ("AIM"). The Company is strategically focused on coal and related investments across a range of geographical locations including: South Africa, Bangladesh and China with the aim of sourcing potential opportunities that offer near return whilst mitigating risk through the development of a diverse portfolio of assets. Primarily focused on the exploration and development of coal deposits the Company also targets related infrastructure such as power plants and telecommunications networks to build on related areas of the coal mining industry and support local development.