

AURUM MINING PLC

("Aurum" or "the Company")

HOLDING IN COMPANY

The Company today received the following notifications in relation to holdings in its ordinary shares of 1p each ("Shares"):

F&C Asset Management plc has notified that, as a result of the acquisition of 488,889 Shares in the Company's recent placing, Friends Provident Main Fund has a material interest in 488,899 Shares, representing approximately 3.95% of the Company's enlarged issued ordinary share capital.

UBS AG has notified that, as at 12 May 2006, UBS AG, acting through its business group and legal entities detailed below, had an interest in 1,064,333 Shares, representing approximately 8.61% of the Company's enlarged issued ordinary share capital.

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| UBS AG London Branch | 1,028,333 Shares (8.32%) |
| UBS Wealth Management (UK) Ltd | 36,000 Shares (0.29%) |

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Notes to editors

Aurum Mining joined the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange in May 2004 with the strategy of seeking, evaluating and acquiring gold and other mineral extraction projects in the Former Soviet Union (FSU). In January 2005 the Company completed its first acquisition, giving the Company an exploration licence over the Andash gold and copper project in the Kyrgyz Republic. In its State Register, the State Commission of Resources of the Kyrgyz Republic has included 21.7 million tonnes of C1 and C2 reserves from the project, amounting to gold and gold equivalent of more than 1.5 million ozs.

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