

**AURUM MINING PLC**  
("Aurum" or "the Company")

**Capital Expenditure Saving at Andash Zone 1 Mine**

**Aurum Mining plc** (AIM: AUR), the gold-mining company focussed on the Former Soviet Union (FSU), is pleased to announce that, following detailed engineering and design study work, the Company has successfully identified significant savings in the forecast capital expenditure its Andash gold and copper project.

It is now expected that capital expenditure on the Zone 1 mine will be in the region of \$48.5 million, compared with the Bankable Feasibility Study estimate of \$55.5 million. Aurum have significantly reduced the costs of the process plant through the identification of local equipment, both new and second hand and it is anticipated that managing the build of the operation internally will also keep costs down. The new estimate retains the contingency of the earlier estimate and has been calculated on the same basis.

Aurum continues to work closely with the Kyrgyz Government and other relevant authorities to ensure production from the mine in the second half of next year. Full production is expected in 2009.

**Mark Jones, Aurum Mining's Chief Executive, said:** "Following our successful fundraising earlier this year, we have worked hard towards delivering a reduced capex forecast. By improving our efficiencies we should be able to deliver greater returns to our stakeholders."

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Aurum Mining, which joined the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange in May 2004, is a mining company focussed on gold opportunities in the Former Soviet Union. Its principal asset is an exploration licence over the Andash gold and copper project in the Kyrgyz Republic. A mining licence for Andash Zone 1 was awarded by the Kyrgyz authorities in 2006. The bankable feasibility study compiled by Wardell Armstrong International, also in 2006, confirmed a measured and indicated resource base of 19.2 million tonnes at 1.1 grams per tonne of gold and 0.4% copper, which equates to 1.1 million ozs of gold and gold equivalent. Initial production at Andash Zone 1 is expected in 2008. The Andash project also includes Zone 2 and Zone 3 along with Tokhtonysay, Nakhodka and three other additional exploration areas.

