

AURUM MINING PLC

("Aurum" or "the Company")

HOLDING IN COMPANY

The Company has received notification 23 May 2006 from Gartmore Investment Limited ("GIL") of the following interests of GIL, Gartmore Fund Managers Limited and Gartmore Global Partners in the Company's ordinary shares of 1p each ("Shares") as a result of various transactions between 10 May and 16 May 2006, and the acquisition of 888,889 Shares on 12 May 2006 via a placing:

Fund Manager	Beneficial owner	Shares	% held	Registered name
GIL	The Alphagen Volantis Nominees Ltd	712,460	5.76%	Vidacos Nominees Ltd a/c 1945
GIL	The Gartmore Ltd Issue UK Small Cap Fund Ltd	119,643	0.97%	Goldman Sachs Nominees Small Cap Fund Ltd
GIL	Gartmore Smaller Companies Trust plc	439,286	3.55%	BNY GIL Client A/c Nominees Ltd a/c LST

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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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