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**African Aura Mining Inc.**

**DRILLING CONFIRMS SIGNIFICANT GOLD ZONE AT DEPTH  
AT NEW LIBERTY PROJECT**

**February 18, 2010, African Aura Mining Inc. (“African Aura” or the “Company”)** the TSX-V (AUR) and AIM (AAAM) listed exploration to production company focused on gold and iron ore in sub-Saharan Africa provides an update on the drilling programme at the Company’s 100% owned New Liberty gold deposit in western Liberia.

**Highlights:**

- **Encouraging drill results received from first nine holes representing 3,558m**
- **Intersections include:**
  - **4.17 g/t Au over 16 metres, from 142 metres depth**
  - **4.94 g/t Au over 10 metres, from 379 metres depth**
  - **4.42 g/t Au over 8 metres, from 447 metres depth**
- **Scoping study underway for an open pit and underground mining operation**
- **Current 10,000m drill programme expected to complete in April 2010**
- **Results of assay expected in June 2010 and resource update to follow**

The New Liberty gold deposit has a current resource of 1.384 million ounces (NI 43-101 compliant 13.533 Mt measured and indicated resource at 3.18 g/t gold) and the Company considers the results from the current phase of drilling have the potential to expand the resource base further. The results from the drill programme, particularly the intersections of 4.94g/t over 10m in hole KGD136 from a depth of 379 metres and 4.42g/t over 8m in KGD133 at a depth of 447 metres, have confirmed the continuity of the mineralised zone significantly deeper than the lower limit of the present resource estimate of 300 metres. The deposit remains open at depth. These results will contribute to a Bankable Feasibility Study for an open pit and/or underground gold mine targeting 100,000oz annual production. AMC Consultants (UK) Limited (“AMC”) is preparing the scoping study.

As previously announced, drilling undertaken below 200 metres intersected highly encouraging grades, including 23 metres grading 4.95 g/t Au and 26 metres grading 5.04 g/t Au. The best drill intersect from New Liberty is currently 8.45 g/t Au over 37 metres from 55 metres depth in the Larjor Zone.

**Luis da Silva, President and CEO of African Aura commented:**

*“We are very pleased with the results received to date from the current round of drilling at the New Liberty gold deposit. Of particular note is hole KGD133 which intersected 4.42g/t over 8m from a depth of 447 metres, which strongly suggests potentially mineable grades and widths continue at depth, as is characteristic of Archaean greenstone gold deposits. The current 1.4Moz resource was projected down to a depth of only 300 metres. The results from drilling are being included in the mine scoping study currently being prepared by AMC which is expected to be completed in the third quarter of this year. We look forward to updating shareholders on this and other news from our gold division in due course.”*

**Table of Gold Intersections for Larjor Zone, New Liberty gold deposit**

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)	Mean Au (g/t)
KGD 131	NSR			
KGD 132	174	176	2	0.77
KGD 133	439	456	17	2.35
<b>- Including</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4.42</b>
KGD 134	328	350	22	1.42
<b>- Including</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2.82</b>
KGD 135	139	169	30	2.37
<b>- Including</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4.17</b>
KGD 136	374	395	21	2.45
<b>- Including</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4.94</b>
KGD 137	NSR			
KGD 138	NSR			
KGD 139	352	365	13	1.20
<b>- Including</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3.50</b>

*Notes:*

- Assay data is uncut and based on greater than 0.5g/t Au*
- NSR = No Significant Results*

**About African Aura Mining Inc.**

African Aura is an established African exploration and development company listed on the TSX-V (AUR) and London's AIM (AAAM). African Aura is focused on the development of world-class gold and iron ore deposits in highly prospective, under explored countries of sub-Saharan Africa. The Company has a highly motivated and experienced team with a record of discovering mines and taking projects through development and into production in Africa.

African Aura's assets include the New Liberty gold deposit and the Putu iron ore project, both in Liberia. Putu is being explored and operated by the Company's Joint Venture partner, Severstal Resources (the mining division of OAO Severstal). The Company also has an interest in diamond producer Stellar Diamonds Ltd.

A pioneer in Africa, African Aura has attracted some excellent strategic partners and shareholders always with the objective of preserving or enhancing shareholder value. For further information on the Company you are invited to visit its website at [www.african-aura.com](http://www.african-aura.com), or SEDAR's website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com), or contact one of the following:

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**Quality Control and Sample Preparation**

African Aura has a rigorous Quality Control Programme (QCP) inserting a minimum 5% of standards, blanks and duplicates into the sample stream. The Company employs independently owned and managed OMAC Laboratories for all its assay requirements, including the preparation of pulps to 90% -100 micron at their in-country preparation facilities in Liberia, followed by XRF at their main laboratory in Loughrea, Ireland. OMAC is accredited to ISO 17025 by INAB (Irish National Accreditation Board), which is a member of ILAC (International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation), and is a signatory to the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement. OMAC operates an internal QA/QC check assay programme using in-house standards, reagent blanks and duplicates.

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