



## AURANIA ANNOUNCES CLOSING OF FIRST TRANCHE OF PRIVATE PLACEMENT

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**Toronto, Ontario, March 28, 2022 – Aurania Resources Ltd. (TSXV: ARU) (OTCQB: AUIAF) (Frankfurt: 20Q) (“Aurania” or the “Company” - <https://www.commodity-tv.com/ondemand/companies/profil/aurania-resources-ltd/>)** is pleased to announce that it has closed the first tranche (the “First Tranche”) of its non-brokered private placement (the “Offering”) of up to 2,142,857 units of the Company (the “Units”) for gross proceeds of up to C\$1,500,000, previously announced on February 28, 2022. An aggregate of 1,586,653 Units were sold under the First Tranche at a price of C\$0.70 per Unit, for total gross proceeds of C\$1,110,657.10. Each Unit is comprised of one common share in the capital of the Company (each, a “Common Share”) and one Common Share purchase warrant (each, a “Warrant”). Each Warrant entitles the holder to purchase one Common Share at an exercise price of C\$1.25 at any time until March 28, 2024. The Company expects to close the second and final tranche of the Offering in the next few days. The Company has agreed to pay certain eligible finders a fee equal to 6% of the gross proceeds raised from the subscriptions introduced by the Company by such finders (totalling in aggregate, in respect of the First Tranche, approximately C\$7,770.00).

The Company is also pleased to announce that the TSX Venture Exchange (the “TSXV”) has conditionally accepted for listing up to 2,142,857 Common Shares underlying the Units issuable pursuant to the Offering. The Offering remains subject to the final acceptance of the TSXV.

The Common Shares and Warrants comprising the Units, and the Common Shares underlying the Warrants, are subject to a statutory hold period of four months and a day from the date of issuance and, as applicable, hold periods under United States securities laws.

Dr. Keith Barron, the Chief Executive Officer, director, promoter and a significant shareholder of the Company participated in the First Tranche (subscribing through Bambazonke Holdings Inc., a personal company of Dr. Barron) for 571,428 Units in the Offering for C\$400,000.00 (the “Insider Participation”). The participation of the aforementioned insider of the Company in the Offering constitutes a “related party transaction” within the meaning of Multilateral Instrument 61-101 – *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* (“MI 61-101”). In addition, as previously disclosed on March 18, 2022, the Company recently accepted US\$1,187,500 loan (the “Loan”, and collectively with the Insider Participation, the “Related Party Transactions”) with Dr. Keith Barron pursuant to a promissory note issued by the Company. As the Loan and Insider Participation each involve Dr. Keith Barron, a related party of the Company, and have been negotiated at approximately the same time, the Related Party Transactions may be considered “connected transactions” within the meaning of MI 61-101. The Company is relying upon an exemption from the formal valuation and minority shareholder approval requirements under MI 61-101 in respect of the Related Party Transactions, in reliance on Sections 5.5(a) and 5.7(1)(a) of MI 61-

101, respectively, as the fair market value of the Related Party Transactions, collectively, does not exceed 25% of the Company's market capitalization, as determined in accordance with MI 61-101.

The Loan and Insider Participation were approved by the members of the board of directors of the Company who are independent for purposes of the Related Party Transactions, being all directors other than Dr. Barron. No special committee was established in connection with the Loan and the Insider Participation, and no materially contrary view or abstention was expressed or made by any director of the Company in relation thereto.

For further details concerning the Offering and the Loan, including expected use of proceeds, please see the Company's news releases dated February 28, 2022, and March 18, 2022, respectively.

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Aurania is a mineral exploration company engaged in the identification, evaluation, acquisition and exploration of mineral property interests, with a focus on precious metals and copper. Its flagship asset, The Lost Cities – Cutucu Project, is located in the Jurassic Metallogenic Belt in the eastern foothills of the Andes mountain range of southeastern Ecuador.

Information on Aurania and technical reports are available at [www.aurania.com](http://www.aurania.com) and [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com), as well as on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/auranialtd/>, Twitter at <https://twitter.com/auranialtd>, and LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/aurania-resources-ltd->.

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