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AUROPEAN RELEASES ANDINUELA RESULTS Delineates 3.5km plus gold anomaly with values in soils up to 1.8g Au/t

OTTAWA, ONTARIO, December 9, 2011: Auropean Ventures Inc. (Auropean) is pleased to announce results from its recently completed soil sampling program at its 45.6 km² Andiñuela Project ("Project") in Leon Province, northwestern Spain.

A total of 1474 soil samples were collected over that portion of the Project marked by the highest concentration of Roman workings. The samples were collected at 50m intervals on lines spaced 100m apart; a total of 80 hectares was systematically sampled.

The results are extremely promising and include:

- A west-northwest trending bifurcating gold anomaly, with values up to 1,805ppb Au (1.8g Au/t), now has a length exceeding 3.5km. The anomaly is open to both east and west and appears to have been displaced southward along south-southwest trending faults within the sampled area (See Schedule 'A' below).
- Twenty four of the samples have values in excess of 500ppb Au, 88 samples have values in excess of 200ppb Au and 216 samples have values in excess of 100ppb Au with background values clearly below 10ppb Au.
- Arsenic (As) anomalies are near coincidental with the Au anomalies. In areas not showing any signs of surface mineralization, the background is less than 10ppm As. In areas of apparent mineralization with numerous gold anomalies and high background gold, the background for arsenic is in the range of 40ppm. A total of 15 samples have values in excess of 300ppm As, 65 samples have values in excess of 150ppm As and 255 samples have values in excess of 75 ppm As.
- Numerous rock samples have yielded in excess of 1g Au/t and up to 26.1g Au/t, although to date only a limited number of grab samples have been assayed.
- The mineralization style at numerous Roman pits throughout the Project area is varied and includes: (i) quartz veins, (ii) native gold in quartz veins, (iii) gold in arsenopyritebearing quartz veins, (iv) mineralized and brecciated massive quartz veins, (v) brecciated quartz with box-works after sulphides up to 5m wide in schists, (vi) tectonic breccias, (vii) disseminated native gold and sulphides in slates, and (viii) altered host rocks.

• Some 34 million cubic metres of alluvium were processed downstream from the Project by the Romans for their gold content; much of this material being sourced from the Project area.

According to Sergio Tenorio, P. Geo, QP (European Geologists # 820), who provided Auropean with a NI 43-101 Technical Report on the Project dated June 8, 2011: "The primary mineralization occurs as very fine to millimetre-sized dissemination of pyrite, arsenopyrite (native gold is also reported in literature) and in cracks in both hydrothermal quartz and in the host rock." He also mentions in the report, "The most frequent occurrence of gold is in irregular veins and boudins sub-parallel in an east trending band coincident with the hinge of the Somoza Antioclinorium, developed commonly with directions of N-080-E to N-130-E in the south flanks of the minor folds, although the veins also exist in the hinges of the folds and in north flanks.

Dr. Vern Rampton, P.Eng, President and CEO of Auropean stated, "The extremely positive results from the soil sampling program define strong and cohesive gold and arsenic anomalies. The highly anomalous background values for gold and arsenic in the mineralized belt combined with the nature of the mineralization noted to date leaves me to the believe that Auropean is on to something big at Andiñuela; whether it be high grade gold with lower tonnage or lower grade gold with large tonnage or a combination of both has yet to be determined."

Detailed mapping and prospecting were conducted concurrently with the soil sampling program. Rock samples from this exercise have been submitted to ALS for analysis and the results will be reported upon receipt of all the results. The next phase of work at Andinuela will include ground truthing and trenching on the longest and strongest gold anomalies, surface geophysics and drilling; further soil sampling to investigate other prospective areas not covered in this recent program will also be completed.

Sampling and Analysis: Individual samples weighing in the range of 1,500 gm were taken at a depth of approximately 50 cm by auguring down to this depth at three sites within one metre of the predetermined sample point. A three man crew recorded the location (gps) and made notes describing the site and the nature of the samples collected. Some effort was required to remove brush blocking access to sample point. The sample was then homogenised and sieved to minus 80 mesh; a split weighing approximately 150 gram was then forwarded to ALS Minerals Inc. (ALS) in Seville, Spain for analysis. The samples were analyzed for gold by fire assay with an ICP-AES finish (ALS: Au-ICP21). Thirty-five other elements (Ag, Al, As, B, Ba, Be, Bi, Ca, Cd, Co, Cr, Cu, Fe, Ga, Hg, K, La, Mg, Mn, Mo, Na, Ni, P, Pb, S, Sb, Sc, Si, Th, Ti, Tl, U, V, W, Zn: ALS: ME-ICP41) were analyzed by ICP-AES after digestion by aqua regia.

Quality Control: Duplicate samples split from the -80 mesh portion sent to ALS have been kept for further checks in case irregularities are observed in the laboratory results for one or all analyzed elements analysis or their plotted distribution. ALS is an accredited laboratory (ISO 9001:2008) and maintains full quality control during all analytical procedures.

This press release was prepared by Dr. V. N. Rampton, P. Eng in his capacity as a qualified person under the guidelines of NI 43-101.

See Auropean's web-site for further information. www.auropeanventures.com

About Auropean Ventures Inc.: Auropean is a private company focussed on the rapid development of gold/polymetallic projects in Europe. Its primary focus is the upgrading of resources at its 100% owned 62 square kilometre copper/gold Slovinky-Gelnica Project in east central Slovakia where it is completing a program to determine the copper and precious metal content of the numerous veins and their enclosing wall rock. It has an option to earn a 100% interest on the highly prospective 45.6km²Andiñuela Gold Project in northwest Spain where it has recently completed a successful soil sampling program. It controls 793 quartz claims covering 157.3 km² within the Tombstone Belt of the Tintina Gold Province, Yukon Territory. Auropean owns a Net Smelter Return (NSR) royalty of 2% (subject to a 1% buyback) on an additional 881 claims in the Mayo Lake District of the Yukon currently being developed by Mayo Lake Minerals Inc. It is also committed to the discovery, exploration and development of mineral deposits in underexplored regions of Europe. Auropean currently has 4,774,500 common shares outstanding.

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(See Schedule 'A' below)

