

Auroch Minerals Ltd

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Auroch Minerals leveraged to nickel super-cycle of growing export volumes and recovering prices

Auroch Minerals Ltd (ASX:AOU) is leveraged to the expected nickel super-cycle with Australia's nickel export earnings forecast to strengthen on the back of growing export volumes and recovering prices.

In its latest annual report to shareholders, the company states the sector's value is expected to reach \$6.8 billion in 2021-2022, up from an estimated \$4.3 billion in 2019-2020.

Auroch has a clear strategy to explore its channel targets across both the Saints and Leinster projects while growing its nickel-bearing landholding across Western Australia.

Acquisition of Saints and Leinster in 2019 was perfectly timed, as nickel enjoyed a 'remarkable' resurgence, buoyed by a combination of supply pressures, local high-profile acquisitions and discoveries, tier-1 production restarts and global stainless-steel and lithium-ion battery demand.

The company plans to explore and drill as many of its developing pipeline of high-quality nickel targets as possible to materially increase the existing high-grade massive sulphide resource of 1.05 million tonnes at 2.0% nickel for 21,400 tonnes of contained nickel.

New strategy reaps results

Following having boosted its geological team with the appointment of geologist Robin Cox, non-executive chairman Edward Mason and consultant Peter Muccilli, the company's new strategy bore immediate results with an updated geological model for the Saints project and 'significant' aircore (AC) drilling programs generating a stream of new basal channel targets.

During the period between July 2019-July 2020 Auroch completed three drilling programs across the Saints project, comprising 1,960 metres (60-holes) of AC drilling, 594 metres (4-holes) of reverse circulation drilling and 2,991 metres (11-holes) of diamond drilling, as well as numerous down-hole electromagnetic (DHEM) surveys on completed drill holes.

The drilling demonstrated that Auroch had high-grade nickel on its tenements, with results from drilling including 1.77 metres at 6.72% nickel from 227.31 metres, including 0.50 metres at 9.98% nickel.

Encouraged by these early results, the company has launched further aggressive and targeted drilling campaigns which are being completed.

Price: 0.135

Market Cap: \$31.22 m

1 Year Share Price Graph



Share Information

Code: AOU

Listing: ASX

52 week High Low
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Sector: Gold & silver

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Company Synopsis:

Auroch Minerals Ltd (ASX:AOU) is focused on the Saint's Nickel Project in Western Australia.

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