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# PRODUCTION AT DARGUES GOLD MINE RESUMES AFTER EXTREME WEATHER EVENT

Aurelia Metals Limited (ASX:AMI) (**Aurelia** or **the Company**) advises that processing operations have recommenced at its Dargues Gold Mine in southern New South Wales.

The Company suspended production on Monday 7 March as a precautionary measure following the significant rain event that has impacted the east coast of Australia. Underground mining continued on a restricted basis due to flooding of the decline and lowest development level.

Rainfall and associated runoff filled the mine's Tailings Storage Facility (**TSF**) to its operational storage capacity. The Company chose to halt ore processing operations due to elevated water levels in the TSF. This action, along with improved weather conditions, prevented the requirement for an emergency water release.

The resumption of processing operations is based on the immediate weather outlook, expert advice from the Company's TSF design engineer, and amendments to the facility's operating controls and monitoring regime.

Ongoing site activities are dependent on favourable weather conditions until such time as the TSF water level reduces to normal operating levels. The Company intends to accelerate its plans to construct the next approved TSF embankment raise and obtain regulatory approval for a separate water storage facility.

### Aurelia Managing Director and CEO, Dan Clifford, commented:

"Aurelia takes its environmental responsibility seriously and has been liaising intensively with the appropriate regulators and community representatives. Since the suspension of processing operations, Aurelia has hosted Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) representatives who conducted inspections and assessed relevant risks. We continue to work with the EPA and the NSW Resources Regulator to determine interim contingency solutions. We would also like to thank members of our Community Consultative Committee who were available on short notice to allow us to brief them on the situation."

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## This announcement has been approved for release by the Managing Director and CEO of Aurelia Metals, Dan Clifford.

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### **About Aurelia**

Aurelia Metals Limited (ASX: AMI) is an Australian mining and exploration company with a highly strategic landholding and three operating gold mines in New South Wales. The Peak and Hera Mines are located in the Cobar Basin in western NSW, and the Dargues Mine is in south-eastern NSW.

Our vision is to be a mining business recognised for creating exceptional value through our people and a portfolio of gold and base metals assets. At Aurelia, we value Integrity, Certainty, Courage and Performance for the safety and wellbeing of our people, and for the benefit of our shareholders and the communities in which we operate.

In FY21, Aurelia produced 103,634 ounces of gold at a Group all-in sustaixning cost (AISC) of A\$1,337 per ounce. Both the Peak and Hera cost bases benefit from substantial by-product revenue credits from base metal production (including zinc, lead and copper).

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