

VANCOUVER, BC--(Marketwired - November 03, 2015) - [Sarama Resources Ltd.](#) (the "Company" or "Sarama") (TSX VENTURE: SWA) is pleased to announce that it has entered into a legally binding agreement with [Aureus Mining Inc.](#) ("Aureus") where Aureus will purchase three of the Company's Liberian mineral exploration licences (refer Figure 1) for a consideration of 2.6 million Aureus shares. Sarama will also retain an uncapped 1% net smelter return royalty ("Royalty") on gold produced from the cornerstone Cape Mount Permit, which is being purchased by the Company from the previous Liberian owner of the permit.

This transaction monetizes some of the Company's assets in Liberia and forms an integral part of Sarama's strategy to rationalise expenditure and focus resources on advancing and growing its asset base in Burkina Faso.

Highlights

- Aureus will acquire ownership of a wholly owned subsidiary of Sarama that holds a 100% interest in three mineral exploration licences adjacent to Aureus' New Liberty gold mine in Liberia, shown on Figure 1
- Sarama receives total consideration of 2.6 million Aureus shares, having a nominal value of circa C\$900,000 based on the closing price of Aureus shares on AIM, and exchange rates, on November 2, 2015
- Issued shares will be free trading post the statutory 4 month hold period
- Sarama will retain a 1% Royalty on the cornerstone Cape Mount Mineral Exploration Licence ("MEL")
- The Royalty and the equity stake in Aureus provide a residual interest in properties that have demonstrated good geological potential
- The transaction has received Liberian Ministerial approval subject to finalization of administrative items
- 1% Royalty on the Cape Mount MEL purchased from previous Liberian owner for a total consideration of 500,000 Sarama shares
- Transaction monetises Sarama's principal assets in Liberia
- Progresses Sarama's plan to focus resources on progressing the Company's assets in Burkina Faso
- Recent commissioning of Aureus's high grade New Liberty gold mine adjacent to the Cape Mount MEL provides for proper funding of exploration and the shortest path to economic exploitation of any discovery

Sarama's President and CEO, Andrew Dinning, commented:

"The divestment of our Liberian assets allows us to focus our resources on Burkina Faso and leverage our well established position there. The deal provides potential upside value to the Company and with permits being adjacent the newly commissioned New Liberty mine, has scope to provide a royalty stream earlier than if we had continued to progress the assets ourselves."

"We look forward to advancing our Burkina Faso interests where we have four separate project areas including an inferred mineral resource of 1.5Moz of gold on our South HoundÃ© Project where Acacia is funding on-going exploration and earning into the Project plus an adjacent JV with Savary Gold who recently announced a maiden inferred mineral resource of 0.67Moz^{3,4} of gold."

Figure 1 - Mineral Exploration Licences Acquired by Aureus

Closing of the transaction with Aureus is subject to the satisfaction of usual conditions precedent, including receipt of approval of the Toronto Stock Exchange and TSX Venture Exchange, and satisfaction of routine conditions to obtaining the approval of the Liberian Minister of Lands, Mines & Energy.

Concurrently with completion of the transaction with Aureus, Sarama will issue 500,000 Sarama shares, having a deemed value equal to C\$28,125, to the former holder of the Cape Mount MEL in order to acquire the right to the 1% Royalty on production from that licence held by the former holder.

About Sarama Resources Ltd

[Sarama Resources Ltd.](#) (TSX VENTURE: SWA) is a West African focused gold explorer with substantial landholdings in Burkina Faso, Liberia and Mali.

Sarama's flagship properties are situated within the Company's South HoundÃ© Project area in south-west Burkina Faso. Located within the prolific HoundÃ© greenstone belt, Sarama's exploration programs have built on significant early success to deliver a maiden Inferred Mineral Resource estimate of 1.5 Moz gold^{1,2}. [Acacia Mining plc](#) is earning up to a 70% interest in the South HoundÃ© Project by satisfying certain conditions, including funding earn-in expenditures of up to US\$14 million, over a 4-year earn-in period and may acquire an additional 5% interest, for an aggregate 75% interest in the Project, upon declaration of a minimum mineral reserve of 1.6 million ounces of gold. Sarama is focused on consolidating under-explored landholdings in Burkina Faso and other established mining jurisdictions.

Sarama holds a 35% participating interest in the Karankasso Project Joint Venture ("JV") which is situated adjacent to the

Company's South Hound[®] Project in Burkina Faso and is a JV between Sarama and [Savary Gold Corp.](#) ("Savary") who is the operator of the JV. In October 2015, Savary declared a maiden Inferred Mineral Resource estimate of 671,000 ounces of contained gold at the Karankasso Project JV. The full details of the Karankasso resource estimate and supporting information can be found in Savary's News Release dated 8 October, 2015.

Incorporated in 2010, the Company's Board and management team have a proven track record in Africa and a strong history in the discovery and development of large-scale gold deposits. Sarama is well positioned to build on its current success with a strong financial position and a sound exploration strategy across its property portfolio.

1. 29.13 Mt @ 1.6 g/t Au (at a 0.8 g/t Au cut-off)
2. The effective date of the Company's Mineral Resource estimate is September 16, 2013. For further information regarding the Mineral Resource estimate please refer to the technical report titled "NI 43-101 Independent Technical Report, South Hound[®] Project, Bougouriba and Ioba Provinces, Burkina Faso", dated October 28, 2013. The technical report is available under the Company's profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.
3. The effective date of the Karankasso Project JV Mineral Resource Estimate is October 7, 2015.
4. 9.16 Mt @ 2.28 g/t Au (at a 0.5 g/t Au cut-off)

Caution Regarding Forward Looking Statements

Information in this news release that is not a statement of historical fact constitutes forward-looking information. Such forward-looking information includes statements regarding the acquisition by Aureus of three of Sarama's licences in Liberia, the Royalty on gold production from the Cape Mount MEL, the Company's plans to advance and grow its asset base in Burkina Faso, the value and potential of the 2.6 million Aureus shares to be received by Sarama, mineral resources at the South Hound[®] Project, expenditures on the South Hound[®] Project by, and the earn-in agreement with, Acacia and interests in the South Hound[®] Project that may be acquired by Acacia, the receipt of approvals and satisfaction of conditions precedent to completion of the transaction with Aureus. Actual results, performance or achievements of the Company may vary from the results suggested by such forward-looking information due to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors. Such factors include, among others, delay in receipt of, or failure to receive, approvals, whether Acacia will exercise its earn-in rights in whole, in part or at all, general market conditions, the price of gold and other commodities, that the business of exploration for gold and other precious minerals involves a high degree of risk and is highly speculative in nature; Mineral Resources are not Mineral Reserves, they do not have demonstrated economic viability, and there is no certainty that they can be upgraded to Mineral Reserves through continued exploration; few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines; geological factors; the actual results of current and future exploration; changes in project parameters as plans continue to be evaluated, as well as those factors disclosed in the Company's publicly filed documents.

There can be no assurance that any mineralisation that is discovered will be proven to be economic, or that future required regulatory approvals will be obtained, or that the conditions precedent to completion of the transaction with Aureus will be satisfied. However, the Company believes that the assumptions and expectations reflected in the forward-looking information are reasonable. Assumptions upon which such forward-looking information has been based include that the conditions to completion of the agreement will be satisfied or waived and approvals will be obtained. Assumptions have also been made regarding, among other things, the Company's ability to carry on its exploration activities, the sufficiency of funding, the timely receipt of required approvals, the price of gold and other precious metals, that the Company, Aureus, Acacia and their respective Projects will not be affected by adverse political events, the ability of the Company, Aureus and Acacia to operate in a safe, efficient and effective manner and the ability of the Company, Aureus and Acacia to obtain further financing as and when required and on reasonable terms. Readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information.

Sarama does not undertake to update any forward-looking information, except as required by applicable laws.

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Qualified Person's Statement

Scientific or technical information in this news release that relates to the preparation of the Company's mineral resource estimate is based on information compiled or approved by Adrian Shepherd. Adrian Shepherd is an employee of Cube Consulting Pty Ltd and is considered to be independent of [Sarama Resources Ltd.](#) Adrian Shepherd is a chartered professional member in good standing of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the commodity, style of mineralisation under consideration and activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Qualified Person under National Instrument 43-101. Adrian Shepherd consents to the inclusion in this news release of the information, in the form and context in which it appears.

The mineral resource estimate that relates to the Karankasso JV in this press release was prepared by Eugene Puritch, P.Eng., and Antoine Yassa, P.Geo., of P&E Mining Consultants Inc., each an independent Qualified Person, as defined by National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101"). Mr. Puritch has reviewed and approved the contents of this news release.

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