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Aurizon Mines Ltd. (Ticker Symbol: ARZ)

Aurizon Options Blackdome Mine

Aurizon Mines Ltd. ("Aurizon") is pleased to announce that, subject to regulatory approval, it has entered into an option agreement with Claimstaker Resources Ltd., whereby Aurizon may earn a 55% interest in the Blackdome gold mine situated 250 km. north of Vancouver, near Clinton, B.C.

The Blackdome Mine was in production from 1985 to 1991 and produced approximately 224,000 ounces of gold and 554,000 ounces of silver. The average grade of ore processed during this period was approximately 0.64 ounces of gold per ton and 1.49 ounces of silver per ton. The 200 tonne per day mill facilities, mechanical shop, warehouse and underground workings have been maintained in good condition.

Under the agreement, Aurizon may earn a 50% interest in the Mine by making cash payments totaling \$450,000 by July 15, 1996, and funding exploration and development expenditures totaling \$2,050,000 by July 15, 1997, of which \$500,000 must be incurred by December 31, 1995. Aurizon may earn an additional 5% interest in the Mine by funding 100% of the costs to bring the property into production by April 30, 1997.

A first phase exploration program consisting of drilling, drifting, raising, and sampling from August through October, 1995 is planned with the objective of establishing new reserves within the current infrastructure. This will be followed by a compilation and evaluation of all available data over the winter months in order to plan a comprehensive underground exploration and development program to commence in the Spring of 1996.

With the existing mill facilities and underground infrastructure, the Blackdome Mine could be placed back into commercial production very quickly if sufficient mineable reserves are delineated. When it was in full production, the Mine annually produced 40,000 to 50,000 ounces of gold and 120,000 to 130,000 ounces of silver. Should Aurizon be successful in developing new mineable reserves, Aurizon's share of production from the Mine, together with its share of production from the Sleeping Giant and Beaufor mines in Quebec, could result in an annual gold production of approximately 60,000 ounces.

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