

**NOTICE DECLARING INTENTION
TO BE QUALIFIED UNDER
NATIONAL INSTRUMENT 44-101
SHORT FORM PROSPECTUS DISTRIBUTIONS
("NI 44-101")**

February 21, 2012

TO: Ontario Securities Commission

Aureus Mining Inc. (the "**Issuer**") intends to be qualified to file a short form prospectus under NI 44-101. The Issuer acknowledges that it must satisfy all applicable qualification criteria prior to filing a preliminary short form prospectus. This notice does not evidence the Issuer's intent to file a short form prospectus, to enter into any particular financing or transaction or to become a reporting issuer in any jurisdiction. This notice will remain in effect until withdrawn by the Issuer.

AUREUS MINING INC.

Per: "David Reading"

Name: David Reading

Title: Chief Executive Officer