



ASX Announcement

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## SANDFIRE IDENTIFY MASSIVE SULPHIDES AT MORCK'S WELL

**Auris Minerals Limited** (“Auris” or “the Company”, ASX: AUR) is pleased to provide an update on exploration activities on the Morck’s Well East JV Project (“**Morck’s Well**”) located in Western Australia’s Bryah Basin. Auris and Fe Limited entered into a Joint Venture agreement with Sandfire Resources NL (“**Sandfire**” ASX: SFR) in relation to Morck’s Well on 27 February 2018.

Sandfire has today provided an update on its exploration activities at Morck’s Well which included an aircore drilling programme which commenced on 9 May 2018. This drilling has intersected narrow zones of massive sulphides and supergene copper mineralisation. Sandfire has reported that drilling samples from the programme are being sent for analysis and that they are planning to expand exploration activities. This will include follow-up ground EM surveys, aircore and deep reverse circulation drilling and should commence in the coming week. Sandfire will also proceed with a diamond drilling programme once necessary approvals are obtained.

### CEO Comment

Auris CEO Wade Evans said: “*Sandfire’s early exploration success at Morck’s Well is further validation of our strategy to partner with Sandfire on areas close to De Grussa while Auris focuses on exploring its own substantive holdings in other parts of the Bryah Basin. I am very encouraged by the results of this early drilling and look forward to further news from follow up drilling.*”

### Farm-In and Joint Venture Agreement Terms

Under the terms of the Farm-In Agreement Sandfire is responsible for funding all ongoing exploration work at Morck’s Well until the definition of a JORC 2012 compliant Mineral Resource of a minimum of 50,000t of contained copper (or metal equivalent), that has greater than 50% in the Indicated classification (“Discovery”).

Following a Discovery, Sandfire may thereafter complete a Feasibility Study (i.e. the completion of a mine plan which is technically achievable and economically viable which would underpin progressing the Discovery to a decision to mine) to earn a 70% interest in the project.

Once a Joint Venture is formed in relation to the Morck’s Well project Auris has the following options:

- contribute to Joint Venture expenditure (with standard dilution provisions, including if its interest dilutes to below 5% it converts to a 2% royalty),
- elect for Sandfire to fund the Company to commercial production where Sandfire then moves to 75% interest and the Company has the following choices:
  - The cost of carrying to commercial production will be treated as a loan, repaid out of 80% of Auris’ operational cashflow and subject to an interest rate of Libor +2%; or
  - The cost of carrying Auris to commercial production will be treated as a loan, repaid out of 100% of Auris’s operational cashflow and is interest free.
- sell its interest to Sandfire based on an independent fair market valuation.

The terms of the Farm-In Agreement mean Auris can fully focus on exploration activities at its Forrest and Cashman's Projects. With \$5m available in cash and liquid share assets Auris is in a strong position to continue working these project areas without a drain on resources for continued exploration at Morck's Well.

For and on behalf of the Board.

**WADE EVANS**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

#### **ABOUT AURIS MINERALS LIMITED**

Auris is exploring for high-grade copper-gold discoveries in Western Australia's highly-prospective Bryah Basin region and the Chunderloo area.

Auris has consolidated a ~1,350km<sup>2</sup> copper-gold exploration portfolio in the Bryah Basin divided into five well-defined project areas – Forrest, Doolgunna, Morck's Well, Cashmans and Horseshoe Well. In February 2018, Auris entered a Farm-in Agreement with Sandfire Resources NL in relation to the Morck's Well East and Doolgunna Projects which covers ~430km<sup>2</sup>. Sandfire has the right to earn 70% interest the projects upon completion of a Feasibility Study on a Discovery of not less than 50,000t contained copper (or metal equivalent).