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Aura Minerals Clarifies Inclusion to S&P/TSX Indices

Vancouver, British Columbia, March 17, 2010 - Aura Minerals Inc. (“Aura Minerals” or the “Company”) (TSX: ORA) announced earlier today that the Company will be added to the S&P/TSX Composite Index, effective Monday, March 22, 2010. Aura Minerals has not been included in the S&P/TSX Composite Index, but will be added to the S&P/TSX Global Mining and the S&P/TSX Global Base Metals indices, effective March 22, 2010 at market open. Aura Minerals is also part of the S&P/TSX SmallCap Index and the S&P BMI Canada Index.

About Aura Minerals Inc.

Aura Minerals is a Canadian resource company focused on the acquisition, exploration and development and operation of gold and base metal projects in the Americas. The Company's portfolio includes the San Andres Gold Mine in Honduras, the copper-gold-silver Aranzazu Project in Mexico, and the feasibility-stage Serrote Deposit at the copper-gold-iron ore Arapiraca Project in Brazil. In addition, the Company has agreed to acquire the producing Sao Francisco and Sao Vicente gold mines in Brazil, subject to regulatory approvals.

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