

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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AURA IPO SUBSTANTIALLY OVERSUBSCRIBED

Drake Resources Ltd (Drake) (**ASX Code: DRK**) has been notified by Aura Energy Ltd (Aura) (**ASX Code: AEE**) that the initial public offer for Aura closed at 5pm WST today, substantially oversubscribed.

The Aura IPO is to raise \$4.0 million, with a provision for an oversubscription of 5,000,000 shares raising \$1,000,000.

Having secured shareholder approval at the General Meeting held on Tuesday 15th May, Drake will sell its Uranium tenements to Aura, obtaining equity in Aura upon listing in addition to receiving a cash payment of \$100,000 in reimbursement for its expenditure on the tenements.

Aura now holds 12 uranium exploration tenements in Western Australia. These include the Wondinong Prospect, where uranium mineralisation exists over an area of eight square kilometres; the Altona uranium project which has 115 kilometres of prospective drainage channel immediately to the south of BHP Billiton's Yeelirrie deposit, and a number of other highly prospective uranium projects in the Yilgarn Craton.

Aura will provide details on despatch of holding statements to successful applicants and the expected date of quotation for the shares on the ASX within the next week.

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