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ANOORAQ-ANGLO PLATINUM BOIKGANTSHO JOINT VENTURE INFILL DRILLING PROGRAM CONFIRMS CONTINUITY OF DRENTHÉ DEPOSIT

August 24, 2005, Vancouver, BC – Anooraq Resources Corporation (TSX Venture: ARQ; AMEX: ANO) announces that the results from the infill core drilling program have confirmed the continuity of the mineralization within the Drenthé platinum group metals (“PGM”) and nickel deposit. Drenthé is one of two deposits (Drenthé and Overysel North) being developed under the Boikgantsho Platinum Mine Joint Venture agreement (“JV”) between Anooraq (50%) and Anglo Platinum Limited (“Anglo Platinum”, 50%). The goal of the JV is to delineate and develop large-scale PGM deposits amenable to open pit mining. The Drenthé and Overysel North deposits are located on the Northern Limb of the Bushveld Complex, 250 kilometres north of Johannesburg, South Africa.

The 2005 infill drilling program focused on the Drenthé deposit, testing the mineralization on a 50 by 50 metre grid pattern in order to define measured mineral resources and advance the project toward a Bankable Feasibility Study. The program tested the entire area within the provisional open pit design for the Drenthé deposit that was used for the March 2005 Preliminary Assessment.

One hundred and thirty six vertical holes, totaling 24,418.23 metres, were drilled from January to June 2005. Representative results from the final holes in the program are listed in the Table of Boikgantsho Assay Results – 2005 (attached). Highlights include:

- 1.67 g/t 3PGM, 0.19% Ni and 0.12% Cu over 90.0 metres in hole PR-318
- 1.47 g/t 3PGM, 0.15% Ni and 0.08% Cu over 48.0 metres in hole PR-334
- 1.63 g/t 3PGM, 0.21% Ni and 0.14% Cu over 54.2 metres in hole PR-350
- 3.38 g/t 3PGM, 0.22% Ni and 0.16% Cu over 11.2 metres in hole PR-357
- 2.02 g/t 3PGM, 0.19% Ni and 0.11% Cu over 15.0 metres in hole PR-364

Tabulations of the 2005 results and a map showing the locations of all of the holes drilled in the Drenthé deposit since 1998 are posted on Anooraq's website.

The results from 2005 program confirm both the robustness of the geological model and down-dip consistency of the PGM mineralization within the Drenthé deposit - from surface to vertical depths exceeding 300 metres. The block model for the Drenthé deposit has been updated with these results. Resource modeling, which began in early August, will form the basis for mine planning in the Pre-feasibility study that has commenced.

Rigorous QA/QC procedures, designed and supervised by qualified persons, are integrated into Anooraq's exploration programs. Keith Roberts, M.Sc., Ph.D., P.Geo., is Anooraq's qualified person for this drilling program.

The procedure for the program was as follows: core samples were sent to Set Point Laboratories in Mokopane, South Africa, for preparation (drying, crushing and pulverizing), then a 180 gram pulp from each sample was shipped to Acme Analytical Laboratories (an ISO 9001:2001 accredited laboratory) in Vancouver, British

Columbia for analysis. Samples were analysed by Fire Assay (FA) fusion with an Inductively Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectroscopy (ICP-ES) finish for Pt, Pd and Au, and Aqua Regia ICP-ES for 36 elements. A stringent quality assurance program is in place with standards, blanks and duplicate samples making up 10% of the samples processed. For the 2005 program, a duplicate of one in every 20 samples was sent to Set Point Laboratories (an ISO 17025: 2004 accredited laboratory) in Johannesburg, South Africa for checks of the analyses for Pt, Pd, Au, Cu and Ni.

Anooraq is actively engaged in the advancement of platinum group metals projects in the Bushveld Complex, the world's premier PGM environment. In addition to attractive land positions on the Northern and Western Limbs of the Bushveld, the Company holds a 50% interest in the advanced stage Ga-Phasha PGM project on the Eastern Limb. Anooraq is the only Black Economic Empowerment ("BEE") company with a primary listing on a North American stock exchange. This combination of significant PGM assets, status as a BEE entity, and direct access to financing opportunities through North American and European markets, positions Anooraq to become a leading PGM company.

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BOIKGANTSHO ASSAY TABLE

Hole Number	From (metres)	To (metres)	Interval (metres)	Interval (feet)	PGM ¹ (g/tonne)	Nickel (%)	Copper (%)	Pt g/tonne	Pd g/tonne	Au g/tonne
PR-309	50.00	59.00	9.00	29.5	1.95	0.18	0.13	0.90	0.92	0.13
PR-309	271.00	291.00	20.00	65.6	1.46	0.16	0.11	0.56	0.80	0.10
PR-317	99.00	109.00	10.00	32.8	1.89	0.20	0.12	0.70	1.07	0.12
PR-317	148.00	170.00	22.00	72.2	1.17	0.15	0.09	0.45	0.60	0.13
PR-318	179.00	269.00	90.00	295.3	1.67	0.19	0.12	0.67	0.86	0.13
PR-319	397.00	407.00	10.00	32.8	1.56	0.16	0.10	0.62	0.83	0.10
PR-320	141.05	165.00	23.95	78.6	1.36	0.16	0.10	0.52	0.76	0.09
PR-323	10.90	30.00	19.10	62.7	1.47	0.21	0.13	0.74	0.60	0.13
PR-323	118.44	130.00	11.56	37.9	1.33	0.16	0.10	0.45	0.79	0.09
PR-324	30.69	77.00	46.31	151.9	1.37	0.13	0.08	0.56	0.72	0.09
PR-329	25.27	32.00	6.73	22.1	2.09	0.29	0.23	0.68	1.21	0.20
PR-329	38.00	129.60	91.60	300.5	1.58	0.28	0.21	0.68	0.76	0.14
PR-329	302.00	318.00	16.00	52.5	1.05	0.14	0.09	0.36	0.61	0.08
PR-330	2.61	88.00	85.39	280.2	0.86	0.18	0.13	0.34	0.43	0.09
PR-331	6.49	43.00	36.51	119.8	1.15	0.22	0.20	0.52	0.50	0.13
PR-331	54.00	72.40	18.40	60.4	1.21	0.24	0.20	0.51	0.59	0.12
PR-331	159.00	167.00	8.00	26.2	2.29	0.15	0.07	0.95	1.23	0.10
PR-332	34.70	40.27	5.57	18.3	2.52	0.26	0.16	1.04	1.29	0.20
PR-333	29.62	39.00	9.38	30.8	1.51	0.16	0.11	0.60	0.77	0.13
PR-333	147.00	171.00	24.00	78.7	1.53	0.18	0.12	0.60	0.82	0.11
PR-334	94.00	142.00	48.00	157.5	1.47	0.15	0.08	0.64	0.72	0.11
PR-334	132.00	142.00	10.00	32.8	1.65	0.17	0.09	0.77	0.75	0.14
PR-336	98.79	113.75	14.96	49.1	1.12	0.14	0.09	0.51	0.53	0.08
PR-337	22.00	59.75	37.75	123.9	1.47	0.22	0.15	0.61	0.71	0.16
PR-343	2.15	15.00	12.85	42.2	1.52	0.26	0.25	0.54	0.77	0.20
PR-343	29.00	41.00	12.00	39.4	1.10	0.13	0.11	0.45	0.54	0.10
PR-343	93.00	118.63	25.63	84.1	1.49	0.19	0.15	0.65	0.73	0.11
PR-343	279.00	294.00	15.00	49.2	0.99	0.14	0.09	0.41	0.50	0.08
PR-344	10.08	42.00	31.92	104.7	1.35	0.16	0.13	0.65	0.60	0.11
PR-344	150.00	169.00	19.00	62.3	0.79	0.17	0.14	0.25	0.47	0.07
PR-344	219.45	240.16	20.71	67.9	1.11	0.17	0.11	0.43	0.60	0.08
PR-345	1.55	39.00	37.45	122.9	1.35	0.18	0.13	0.57	0.68	0.10
PR-345	168.92	189.00	20.08	65.9	1.45	0.15	0.09	0.57	0.81	0.08
PR-346	41.09	89.00	47.91	157.2	1.24	0.16	0.09	0.55	0.62	0.07
PR-347	0.88	21.00	20.12	66.0	0.98	0.17	0.13	0.27	0.65	0.06
PR-347	76.00	94.85	18.85	61.8	1.51	0.18	0.12	0.53	0.77	0.22
PR-348	55.64	70.00	14.36	47.1	1.13	0.15	0.09	0.48	0.58	0.07
PR-348	78.00	83.98	5.98	19.6	2.18	0.25	0.19	0.98	1.03	0.18
PR-349	76.00	89.00	13.00	42.7	1.25	0.17	0.10	0.57	0.62	0.07
PR-349	87.00	124.00	37.00	121.4	1.48	0.16	0.12	0.63	0.74	0.11
PR-350	33.82	88.00	54.18	177.8	1.63	0.21	0.14	0.77	0.72	0.14
PR-355	63.00	78.00	15.00	49.2	1.76	0.19	0.12	0.78	0.85	0.13
PR-355	139.00	153.00	14.00	45.9	1.15	0.15	0.10	0.46	0.60	0.09
PR-356	180.92	205.20	24.28	79.7	1.40	0.21	0.15	0.52	0.78	0.10
PR-357	27.00	38.00	11.00	36.1	1.48	0.17	0.12	0.66	0.70	0.12
PR-357	69.00	80.16	11.16	36.6	3.38	0.22	0.16	1.66	1.47	0.25
PR-358	61.39	78.00	16.61	54.5	1.48	0.15	0.10	0.65	0.74	0.09
PR-359	89.58	156.11	66.53	218.3	1.06	0.19	0.14	0.37	0.59	0.10
PR-360	35.00	100.00	65.00	213.3	0.95	0.17	0.12	0.33	0.53	0.09
PR-360	133.21	155.00	21.79	71.5	1.20	0.13	0.09	0.56	0.57	0.08
PR-361	46.84	61.52	14.68	48.2	1.21	0.18	0.11	0.57	0.52	0.12
PR-362	1.33	19.99	18.66	61.2	0.65	0.16	0.13	0.30	0.25	0.11
PR-362	75.00	98.00	23.00	75.5	1.38	0.15	0.08	0.59	0.71	0.08
PR-364	54.00	69.00	15.00	49.2	2.02	0.19	0.11	0.94	0.93	0.15
PR-366	42.22	50.85	8.63	28.3	1.89	0.19	0.09	0.86	0.88	0.15
PR-368	88.00	97.16	9.16	30.1	2.34	0.27	0.17	0.92	1.26	0.17

¹ PGM = Platinum + Palladium + Gold