

# corporate profile

The Aurum Institute for Health Research is an independent, medical scientific organisation conducting research into and treating epidemic and other diseases in developing countries, where public health and management capacity challenges place a severe strain on individuals, communities and whole economies. Aurum is motivated by the significant difference it is able to make in helping to control and manage these diseases. It has earned an international reputation for work in the fields of tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS, and is the recipient of several research and other grants from South African and international agencies and institutions.



## BACKGROUND

Aurum was officially founded in 1998 as a wholly owned subsidiary of the then AngloGold Limited to gather together into a single institution the large body of ad hoc research, results of treatment and knowledge generated by scientists working in the South African gold mining industry.

The origins of this research and knowledge can be traced back to almost the start of the gold mining industry in South Africa. Local mining corporations, whose operations were often in remote areas, far from either state or private health services, established their own medical services to care for and attend to the medical needs of their employees. Such services have been run by these companies for close on 100 years.

Upon its founding, Aurum was tasked with the research, surveillance, treatment and management of epidemic, occupational and other diseases that occur among mineworkers and their dependents. Aurum subsequently expanded its activities beyond the needs of the mining industry, especially in response to international demand for quality treatment, research sites and programme development around HIV/AIDS-related projects.

## AURUM TODAY

In 2005, Aurum became an independent, not-for-profit, public-benefit organisation. It is also a Proudly South African organisation and is committed to promoting South African products and services and to the promotion of job creation in our country.

Aurum is positioned to impartially represent the interests of working South Africans, their employers and the public. It has enjoyed significant success working with, and informing communities and taking an active part in their development.

Aurum is acknowledged by funders, companies, non-government organisations and communities as a partner capable of conducting ethical research and delivering reliable results. Aurum adds value by supplying the context, expertise and experience for our partners to make better-informed health-related management and treatment decisions.