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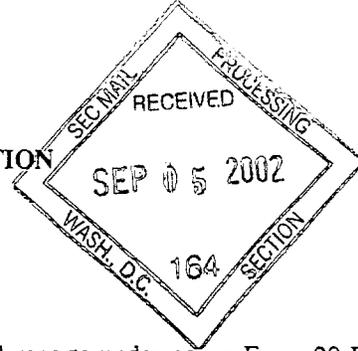
REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

For the month of: AUGUST 2002



SEC Registration Number 0-30622

ANOORAQ RESOURCES CORPORATION  
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- 1. News release dated August 26, 2002.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

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**DRILLING RETURNS BULK TONNAGE PGM-NICKEL-COPPER INTERCEPTS FROM ANOORAQ'S RIETFONTEIN FARM, SOUTH AFRICA**

August 26, 2002, Vancouver, BC - Ronald W. Thiessen, President and CEO of Anooraq Resources Corporation (TSX Venture:ARQ; OTCBB:ARQRF) is pleased to announce initial assay results from the first two holes completed on its Rietfontein farm on the Platreef, South Africa. These results demonstrate that the Platreef horizon on the northern limb of the Bushveld Complex hosts large scale bulk tonnage PGM-Nickel-Copper deposits.

**RIETFONTEIN ASSAY RESULTS**

Hole Number	From (metres)	To (metres)	Interval (metres)	Nickel (%)	Copper (%)	Platinum + Palladium + Gold (grams/tonne)
AR 1	19.83	66.15	46.32	0.18	0.12	0.84
incl.	47.54	66.15	18.61	0.27	0.19	1.37
AR 2	19.61	155.81	136.20	0.19	0.15	0.63
incl.	107.34	155.81	48.47	0.25	0.23	0.99

Rietfontein forms part of Anooraq's extensive (39,000 ha) mineral tenure on the prolific northern limb of the Bushveld Complex. Under terms of an option agreement, African Minerals is earning a 50% interest in the Rietfontein farm by operating a major, multi-rig drilling program on that property. Rietfontein is adjacent to and contiguous with African Mineral's Turfspruit farm immediately to the west where up to 12 rigs have been drilling since January. The strongly mineralized Platreef horizon straddles the common boundary of the two farms.

To date, 21 core holes have been completed by African Minerals on Rietfontein along a 1,400 metre southeast trending strike length of the Platreef. The current results are from the first holes completed. Hole AR 1 is located at the northwest end of the strike length and Hole AR 2 is located 300 metres southeast of AR 1. Significant disseminated, net textured and massive sulphide-bearing intervals have been encountered in most of the Platreef intersections drilled to date. Additional assay results will be released as they are received. Drilling on Rietfontein with multiple rigs is ongoing.

African Minerals' drilling and assaying programs on Rietfontein have been implemented and supervised by Dr. Louis Schurmann, Pr. Sci. Nat., as Qualified Person. Sawn, half core assay samples were submitted to Set Point Laboratories in Johannesburg where base metals were determined by standard XRF spectroscopy and precious metals by 50 gram fire assay fusion with an ICP finish against internal standards and duplicates.

For photographs of core from selected drill holes and further details on Anooraq's Platreef Project, please visit the Company's website at [www.hdgold.com](http://www.hdgold.com) or contact Investor Services at (604)684-6365 or within North America at 1-800-667-2114.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ronald W. Thiessen  
President & CEO

No regulatory authority has approved or disapproved the information contained in this news release.

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