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Via Email: nmitchell@fronteergroup.com

RE: Acknowledgement of Receipt of Annual Report for Baker Basin Project

Dear Nick Mitchell:

Thank you for submitting 2008 Annual Report for the Baker Basin Project to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) as recommended in the May 16, 2008 Screening Decision Report.

Term and Condition #6 of the Screening Decision Report recommended the following:

- 6. The Proponent shall submit a comprehensive annual report to the NIRB by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year of permitted activities. A copy is to be provided to the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA), INAC; and the Government of Nunavut Department of Environment (GN-DoE). The annual report must contain, but not be limited to, the following information:
  - a. A summary of activities undertaken for the year, including: a map showing the approximate location of drill sites; a description of local hires and initiatives; the number of take-offs & landings from an airstrip with approved flight path, date and location; the number of helicopter touch-downs on the land with date, location and reason.
  - b. A work plan for the following year, including any progressive reclamation work to be undertaken;
  - c. a Wildlife Monitoring and Mitigation Report;
  - d. A discussion regarding the steps taken (including any baseline work conducted) by the Proponent to thoroughly identify, analyze and manage the environmental and cumulative effects from the project activities, particularly in respect to barren ground caribou;
  - e. Any approvals given by Land Use Inspectors regarding Caribou Protection Measures;

- f. A description of the Proponent's consultation strategy and a summary of any community consultations undertaken, including issues and concerns, discussions and advice offered to the company, and follow-up actions required to resolve any concerns expressed about the project proposal;
- g. A summary of site-visits by Land Use Inspectors with results and follow-up actions;
- h. Site photos;
- i. Efforts made to achieve compliance with the Canadian Wide Standards for Dioxins and Furans, and the Canadian Wide Standards for Mercury; and
- j. A summary of how the Proponent has complied with the recommended terms and conditions contained within this NIRB Screening Decision Report, and the terms and conditions associated with all authorizations for the project proposal.

This report has been submitted by Aurora Energy Resources Ltd. as stated in the correspondence (e-mail received Jan 20, 2009 by Leslie Payette, Environmental Manager, NIRB) stating:

"Aurora Energy Resources Inc. (Aurora) and Pacific Ridge Exploration Ltd. have entered into a Joint-Venture on the Baker Lake Basin Property. A condition of the agreement is that Aurora is to submit all reports that are required by licensing or permitting."

Upon review of your submission we have concluded that the Annual Report contains the above specified information and there are no deficiencies to note.

Thank you for providing the information requested by the Board. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (867) 983-4610 or at info@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

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