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## **AURORA MINERALS LIMITED**

### **Drilling Commences at Hazelbrook Project Aurora – Emerald JV**

Aurora Minerals Limited ("Aurora", ASX stock code ARM and ARMO, NZX stock code ARM and ARMOA) is pleased to announce that drilling has commenced at the Backyard Prospect in Northland, New Zealand.

#### **Backyard Prospect, New Zealand**

Drilling has commenced at the Backyard prospect which forms part of the ***Aurora Minerals – Emerald Mining Limited Hazelbrook Joint Venture*** in New Zealand. It is anticipated that the programme will continue over the next few months. It is planned that a total of 3,000 metres will be drilled over that period, of which 1,000 metres will be diamond drilling and the remaining 2,000 metres Reverse Circulation/Percussion drilling. The drill sites are located in dairy farm pastures.

The program has been planned in accordance with the consent conditions of the Northland Regional Council.

Yours faithfully

Robert S Taylor  
Managing Director

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Dr Robert S Taylor, a Member of The Institute of Materials Minerals and Mining, Mr Nick Hazard a corporate member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and

Metallurgy and Mr Garry P O'Hara, a corporate member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

Robert Taylor, Nick Hazard and Garry O'Hara have sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralization and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which they are undertaking to qualify as Competent Persons as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Robert Taylor, Nick Hazard and Garry O'Hara consent to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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