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A Large Calcrete Uranium Exploration Portfolio In Western Australia

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DRILLING PLANNED TO COMMENCE SHORTLY ON URANIUM PROJECTS

- Old Station East and Charlie drilling preparations advance
- Desert Energy's proposed acquisition of Dawn Metals Ltd (thirteen new uranium projects) - (requires Aurora Minerals and Desert Energy shareholders approval -shareholder notices in May 2009)
- Dawn Metals is also preparing for drilling at its Texas Well and Galilee projects

Aim: Drill 12 Targets this Year

With a greater international interest in nuclear power, and a more favourable Western Australian political environment, it has been reported that Yeelirrie, the World's richest calcrete-hosted uranium deposit is now undergoing assessment for potential development.

Desert Energy's exploration portfolio (and the new large Dawn Metals exploration portfolio which it proposes to acquire) are mainly focussed around the Yeelirrie region and the Company has an ambitious program planned for drilling up to 12 targets this year.

Work is planned to commence this week with ground preparation at Old Station East. Charlie is also being prepared for drilling early in the program.

The Company's exploration model is to focus on areas which are in similar interpreted geological settings to that of the large Yeelirrie uranium deposit.

The Yeelirrie uranium deposit is hosted in and immediately below calcrete, part of which outcrops at surface.

Desert Energy is exploring for extensive calcrete bodies in a similar type of geological environment to Yeelirrie, but which are hidden under shallow sand and soil.

To date the Company has drilled 2 targets, Downs East and Old Station West (in 2008) and found extensive calcrete bodies buried under sand, both with associated uranium anomalism.

In 2009 the Company is planning to significantly expand its drilling programs over more projects with more efficient wide spaced drilling. Assay results will determine the extent of follow up drilling on each.

It is planned that Old Station East and Charlie will be the first to be drilled..

Drilling plans are also underway for two of Dawn Metals projects Texas Well and Galilee.

Drilling is booked to commence in early May 2009 with assays to follow.

Proposed Purchase of Dawn Metals: Desert Energy to have 23 projects covering 12,564 km²

In early May, Shareholders will receive details outlining the proposed purchase of Dawn Metals Ltd from Aurora Minerals Ltd. Further information on Dawn Metals projects can be found at the Aurora website at www.auroraminerals.com

The purchase of Dawn Metals is subject to the approval of the shareholders of both Desert Energy and Aurora Minerals.

Assuming the vote is in favour of the transaction proceeding, the purchase will result in Desert Energy having 23 projects covering 12,564 square km in total.

New Office and Warehouse

As part of the Company's efficiency drive it has moved offices from the Perth CBD to Great Eastern Highway in Belmont, near Perth Airport. Several other medium to large exploration companies are located in Belmont.

Advantages include an expected significant cost saving, significantly more space and greater efficiency.

The new office has a modern layout and has a large warehouse for incoming exploration samples, field vehicles and equipment.

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

Garry O'Hara is an executive director of Aurora Minerals Limited and consults to the Company through his consulting company Anketell Pty Ltd.

Garry O'Hara has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity being undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Garry O'Hara consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears. Dr Robert Taylor is currently in the field.

The Company's website is recommended reading for interested market watchers, brokers and investors. The website contains information on the Company's projects including maps, a list of the Company's announcements to ASX, information on Native Title (including the tenement grant process and heritage surveys) including in the Desert Energy Prospectus, the legislative environments under which the Company operates, Corporate Governance, a section on risks, many of which are common to exploration companies, and other useful information. A list of the Company's announcements is also obtainable from the Australian Stock Exchange website at www.asx.com.au

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