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DRILLING CONSENT RECEIVED FOR BACKYARD DRILLING PROGRAM HAZELBROOK PROJECT NEW ZEALAND

Aurora Minerals Limited is pleased to announce that the parties to the Hazelbrook Joint Venture have received drilling consent, from the Northland Regional Council, for their first drilling program on their Backyard Epithermal Gold Prospect at the Hazelbrook Project, North Island, New Zealand.

The Hazelbrook Joint Venture is between Aurora Minerals Limited and Emerald Mining Limited.

The program is currently planned to comprise four diamond drillholes for a total of up to 1000 metres, and 20 reverse circulation drillholes for a total of up to 2000 metres and will aim to conduct the first test of the Backyard epithermal quartz veins, discovered by Aurora in late 2004, with grades at surface of up to 6.9 g/t gold.

This drilling is planned to commence in the New Year and continue in the following months. This combined with more soil sampling and prospecting will complete the first year of the Joint Venture.

The company is currently in the process of reviewing the conditions of the drilling consent and is finalizing a drilling contract with a major New Zealand drilling company.

