

Aurora Resumes Exploration Drilling in Labrador

In March 2012, the Nunatsiavut Government lifted the moratorium on the working, production, mining and development of uranium on Labrador Inuit Lands.

With the lifting of the moratorium, Aurora is pleased to be resuming exploration drilling in the Central Mineral Belt for the 2012-2013 field season.

“The work plan for this year focuses on infill drilling at the Michelin and Rainbow deposits, expanding those two deposits, and exploring other targets in the area,” said Paul McNeill, Aurora’s Principal Geologist and Project Manager.

“All exploration will be done with the highest priority on safety and environmental protection, as has always been Aurora’s practice. All employees and contractors are expected to work toward this objective.”

The program runs from July to Fall 2012, with continuation in Winter 2013 and is expected to result in the drilling of 14,000 metres of core. The budget is approximately \$4.5 million.



Aurora’s Michelin exploration camp.



BBQ steaks were on the menu for Aurora’s field employees in July. Kitchen staff Mary Ann Andersen from Makkovik (l) and Amanda Wolfrey from Rigolet (r) prepare meals and snacks throughout the day.

Approximately twenty people have been hired to support this summer’s work program, including geological technicians, probe technician, builders for preparation of camps and drill pads, cooks and assistants, and camp maintenance personnel. Residents from communities throughout Nunatsiavut and the Upper Lake Melville area have joined Aurora’s team; the majority are from the Postville and Makkovik, the communities nearest the project site. Contractors hired to provide services will likewise be expected to recruit locally whenever possible.

Aurora also plans to continue environmental baseline studies on waterfowl and water quality. Monitoring of air quality, background radiation and radon will continue.

Going forward, exploration programs will be camp-based, operating out of the Michelin camp using helicopters and planes. Camp-based exploration required upgrades and renovations at the Michelin camp, including a new fuel cache and new drinking water, waste water and waste management systems. Crews began working on infrastructure upgrades in July. Drilling began in August.



Aurora was proud to support the first ever William and Douglas Jacque Memorial Dog Team Race in Postville this year. Above, tournament namesake Douglas Jacque is celebrated after completing the race. Makkovik resident Edward Winters took first place (Photo courtesy of Jennifer Jacque-Poole).

Giving Back: A Look at Aurora's Community Contributions

Aurora focused its contribution efforts on seasonal community festivals and events during the first part of 2012. This year, we continued our support of the Labrador Heritage Cup dog team race and provided uniforms to Nunatsiavut's women's volleyball team for their participation in the 2012 Aboriginal National Invitational Volleyball Championships.

In Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Aurora provided contributions to Libra House and the Multi-Cultural Youth Gathering. As well, we were pleased to be invited to donate bicycle helmets to the Perrault Place Community Centre as part of a broader initiative involving other donors.



Aurora is a continuing supporter of Makkovik's Easter Carnival. Each year, our contribution goes towards the children's games that take place during the event. (Photo courtesy of Jodie Lane).



Family fun is the cornerstone of coastal Labrador's community festivals. In 2012, we were happy to support Postville's Canada Day BBQ and Fun in the Sun, Makkovik's Trout Festival, North West River Beach Festival, and the Rigolet Salmon Festival (above). (Photo courtesy of Charlene Palliser)

Team Makkovik¹ and Team Hopedale Make Strong Showing at Cain's Quest 2012

When Perry Dyson and Lewis McNeill of Team Makkovik¹ crossed the finished line of Cain's Quest 2011, they knew that they would be back to compete the following year. "We got off our machines in Labrador City and almost immediately set to work trying to figure out how we were gonna make this happen again," said Perry in a story he wrote for Aurora's June 2011 newsletter. That tenacious attitude served the team well in Cain's Quest 2012, where Team Makkovik¹ finished in 6th place, topping their 9th place finish in the 2011 event.

While Labrador-based teams have long been participants of Cain's Quest, it seems snowmobile endurance race fever has only recently been catching along the North Coast. John Lucy and Kevin Flowers of Team Hopedale are only the second team from Nunatsiavut to compete. In their first Cain's Quest outing, Team Hopedale achieved a 4th place finish.

In all, it was a successful event for Labrador teams, with Mark Nui and Joachim Nui of Natuashish taking 3rd place.

Aurora was pleased to contribute to both Team Makkovik¹ and Team Hopedale with a donation of snowmobiles to each team for use in their fundraising efforts for this year's race.

Congratulations to both teams on their success!

Aurora Continues to Build Relationships with Labrador Businesses

Aurora is committed to seeing the benefits from its exploration activities flow to Labrador businesses wherever and whenever possible. Through a competitive bidding process, we have secured the following contractors to support this year's activities:

- **Universal Helicopters** - Helicopter support
- **Air Labrador** - Fixed-wing air support
- **Labrador Marine** - Marine shipping
- **Woodward's Oil** - Fuel supply
- **Aivik Stantec LP** - Environmental baseline studies



Supplies and personnel arrive at Witchdoctor Lake by float plane, then are transported to the Michelin camp site by helicopter. Air Labrador and Universal Helicopters have been contracted to support activity at the site.

Exploration Start Sees Training Ramp-up for Field Employees

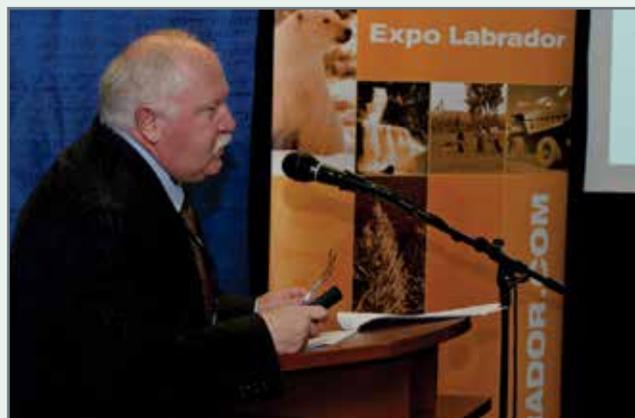
Training for staff maximizes safety at the work site and supports employees in their work activities. As in previous years, Aurora will deliver a range of training to employees who will be working in the field during the exploration season. Such training includes:

- Wilderness first aid & survival
- Geotechnical and down-hole logging
- Geophysical ground surveying
- Radiation protection
- Food safety
- Water and waste water treatment

Aurora has made arrangements with its drill contractor, Major Drilling, to hire locally for Drillers Helper positions. Training will be provided for these positions.



Training began with a Wilderness First Aid course in July. Over three days, role-playing exercises taught participants how to treat serious injuries that could happen in remote areas.



Making Connections at Expo Labrador 2012

Aurora was pleased to be a silver sponsor of this year's Expo Labrador in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Team members were present as trade show exhibitors (left) and Aurora's President and CEO, Bruce Dumville (right), spoke as part of a session dedicated to large-scale development projects in Labrador.

The trade show and conference provided an opportunity to introduce Aurora's 2012-2013 work program to the Labrador business community, meet with our current suppliers, and touch base with a range of project stakeholders.

Congratulations to the Expo Labrador Organizing Committee on a fun and successful event.

Photos courtesy of Expo Labrador

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