

## Aurora to Carry Out Revised Summer Exploration Program, Focus on Field Work

Aurora Energy is pleased to continue exploration this summer with an 8-week field program at the Michelin site. The program is scheduled to begin on August 8th and will employ 25 people in addition to our permanent technical staff. The expected end-date is October 3rd. Work permits have been approved by the Nunatsiavut and Provincial governments.

“Activity will focus on fieldwork, a fuel cache expansion and preparations for our 2014 winter drilling program,” said John Jory, Aurora’s Exploration Manager. “This includes mapping and geophysical surveys to help us refine drill targets for the winter program and for summer 2014. Careful long-term planning is necessary to reduce costs and develop quality drill targets.”

“We will also log core from the winter 2013 program to guide our future drilling campaigns and to assist with our geologic understanding of the Michelin deposit. As well, we plan to complete a variety of construction projects that will support our operations going forward.”

Due to cut-backs to global exploration spending by Paladin Energy Ltd, Aurora’s parent company, there will be no drilling this summer season, as announced in June.

Cost-savings will continue to be a priority throughout this season and as we plan for our winter 2014 drilling program. The price of uranium remains low and our activities must be aligned with the efforts Paladin is making to reduce costs at all of its sites.

The revised summer program reflects the best balance between Aurora’s business objectives and our commitment to people and businesses in Labrador. The fact that Aurora has been given approval for a limited field program when Paladin has curbed exploration spending at its other projects reinforces Michelin’s position as Paladin’s primary exploration project and a key part of the company’s pipeline of future projects.

“We recognize that recent uncertainty about our 2013 exploration plans has created some confusion,” said Mr. Jory. “Aurora was disappointed by the budget reductions in June, but we are pleased to have reinstated much of this year’s planned fieldwork. We thank community members for their patience and look forward to working together to achieve a safe and successful summer program.”

Safety will be the foundation of our workplace and an essential element of the manual handling and remote communications required this season.



Geotechnician Ryan Pottle logging drill core at the Michelin exploration camp

## Michelin Summer Work Program - Back to Basics

Fieldwork is the foundation of a successful exploration program. It gives geologists, geophysicists and their support staff a chance to study the rocks and soil in the project area in detail, collect samples, and map. This information allows the exploration team to better judge where uranium is most likely to be found and to develop quality drill targets.

This summer, our senior geologists, Steve Barrett and Alex Otto, will lead two 4-person field teams in conducting fieldwork in the Michelin-Rainbow Trend (MRT), an area of about 8x3 km that includes several uranium prospects. To cover this area safely and efficiently, the teams will be based at temporary fly-camps in August.

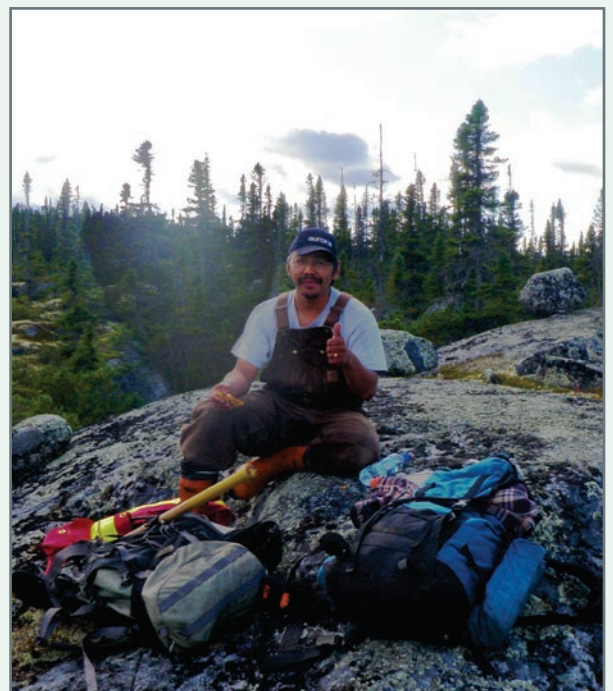
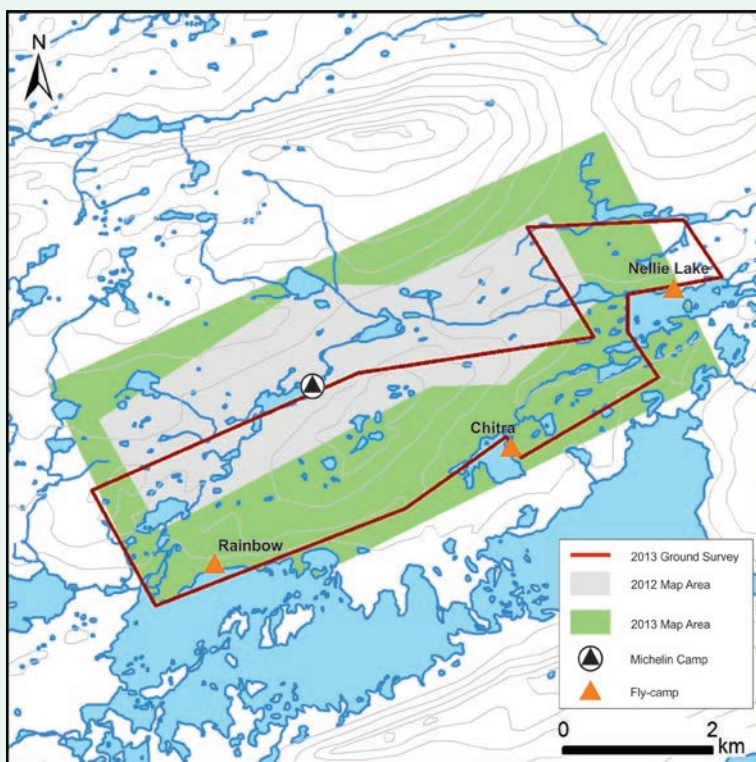
While at the fly camps, field crews will remain in groups of two, at minimum, and keep in regular contact with the Michelin camp using satellite phones and radios.

Several infrastructure projects will also be carried out as part of this year's program: construction of new drill pads in preparation for the winter 2014 drill season, expansion of our fuel cache from 200 to 500 drums (to support our plan to bring our summer 2014 fuel supply into the camp by fixed wing aircraft during the 2014 winter season), expansion of the camp workshop, and construction of a new building to accommodate the core saw awaiting transport from Postville.

### A Closer Look at Field Activities

The map below shows the area where Aurora carried out mapping and geophysical surveys in 2012/13 (grey). This summer, we will work in the green area, expanding our knowledge of the rocks and landforms in the Michelin Rainbow Trend to refine our regional geology map and to develop new drill targets.

Within the red-bounded area, we will carry out additional ground geophysical surveys, which will see our surveying teams walk a total of about 288 km over the 8-week field season.



Field work can require teams to work long days, away from camp. Proper planning and supplies are key.



## Aurora Team Member Profiles

### Lela Evans: Health, Safety and Environmental Manager

Born and raised in Makkovik, Labrador, Lela has been with Aurora since 2008. Her role originally involved completing environmental baseline studies for an environmental assessment of the Michelin Project. Because the Michelin Project is now refocusing on exploration, Aurora is well ahead of schedule on baseline activities, so we are deferring these activities until 2014. This has granted Lela the chance to expand her role at Aurora.

“This year I took on the position of Health, Safety and Environmental Manager. It is a role that I am comfortable with and I have a lot of support from John Jory, Aurora’s Exploration Manager. John is a big driver of health, safety and environmental protection across all Aurora’s activities.”

Lela enjoys a wide range of things about her job, but she says, “One of the greatest things I love about it is the people I work with. Working at camp with people from home, from Labrador, is awesome. They are such dedicated employees and are so fun to be around that it doesn’t seem like work. Everyone in the camp plays a part in making our programs a success. We have a really strong team.”

In addition to her regular responsibilities, Lela is leading Aurora’s involvement with a new project that aims to have a positive environmental impact on Labrador. “Right now, I am involved with the ROLES project. It is a project where companies, including Aurora, have joined together to volunteer time and resources to clean up old abandoned exploration sites in Labrador. I am getting to travel to many of the communities as a part of this project and I just love it.”

What advice does Lela have for anyone interested in the fields of environment, health and safety? “Most importantly, find out what type of responsibilities and tasks make up the job,” she says. “Things can often look like fun on the surface, but it involves a lot of hard work and responsibility so it should be something that you enjoy doing. Also, flexibility helps. I am a biologist, but most of my work experience and training have been in the areas of environmental science and safety. So, while your education will usually have a narrow focus, it is possible to branch out over the course of your career and follow your interests.”



Lela (left), Maxine Andersen of Makkovik, and Jessica Sheppard of Postville at Michelin camp in winter 2013

## Winter 2013 Round-up - Exploration and Events



Aurora's winter 2013 exploration program saw 3,300m of drilling (drill move pictured above), geophysical surveys, and commissioning of potable water and waste water treatment facilities at Michelin camp.



It was a full-time job for the field crew to keep the Michelin camp and support infrastructure free of snow. The fuel cache, which was expanded during the winter, was regularly cleared for access and monitoring.



Field staff arrived at Michelin camp by fixed-wing aircraft, landing on the ice strip created on Ranjan Lake, next to the camp. A total of 22 seasonal staff participated in the winter program, almost all of them residents of Postville, Makkovik and Rigolet.



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While exploration was underway, Aurora continued its program of contributions and participation in Labrador-based events. We were pleased to sponsor the William and Douglas Jacque Memorial Dog Team Race in Postville, Makkovik's Easter Games, and the Postville and Makkovik Labrador Winter Games teams. We also supported the Tikiaksaugusik Festival in Rigolet and attended Expo Labrador in early summer.

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