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Mr. Albert Genier
Commission Chair
Peel Planning Commission
Suite 201, 307 Jarvis Street
Whitehorse YT Y1A 2H3

RE: PEEL WATERSHED LAND USE PLAN

Dear Mr. Genier,

I am responding to the proposed Peel Watershed Land Use Plan on behalf of our company. Our firm operates throughout the Yukon from an office in Whitehorse and has been active in Yukon mineral exploration since 1988. We employ from 30 to 70 people in the Yukon and have conducted several million dollars worth of exploration work on over a dozen mineral prospects in the Peel Planning area over the past 20 years.

We object to the recommendations in the Peel Land Use Plan that large tracts of land be removed from mineral exploration, that existing claims be extinguished by removal of rights of access and development, and that access corridors be blocked throughout the watershed.

These measures will destroy the mineral exploration industry in the area and will detrimentally affect mineral exploration throughout the Yukon. Our jobs, those of our employees and our investment in the Yukon will be negatively affected if these recommendations are implemented. Many of our suppliers - some of whom are in the Mayo area - will also be seriously impacted by these measures as we are forced out of business in this area.

At no time was our firm contacted or otherwise consulted in the preparation of this land use plan, despite the fact that we have been actively working in the study area for years. It is clear that mineral industry representations made by the Yukon Chamber of Mines concerning the deficiencies in this plan have been ignored. It is difficult to see how an effective land use plan can be developed when the interests of the largest stakeholders in the area are ignored.

I urge the Commission to develop and implement a plan which respects the rights of mineral property holders and allows for access, exploration and development on all lands open for staking throughout the Peel watershed. This can be accommodated with other wilderness users and will in the end be of greatest benefit to people in the Mayo area.

Yours sincerely,
AURORA GEOSCIENCES LTD.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary Vivian".

Gary Vivian, M.Sc., P.Geol.
President

cc. Denis Fentie, Premier of the Yukon Territory