

**MICON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED****FILED BY SEDAR**

July 25, 2003

Ontario Securities Commission (Principal Regulator)
British Columbia Securities Commission
Alberta Securities Commission
Saskatchewan Securities Commission
Manitoba Securities Commission
Commission des valeurs mobilières du Québec
Office of the Administrator, New Brunswick
Nova Scotia Securities Commission
Newfoundland and Labrador, Securities Division, Department of Government
Services and Lands
Registrar of Securities, Prince Edward Island

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**Re: Northern Orion Explorations Ltd.
Filing under the Mutual Reliance Review System
Final Prospectus dated July 25, 2003
Consent of Expert**

Pursuant to Section 13.4 of the Ontario Securities Commission Rule 41-501, this letter is being filed as the consent of Micon International Limited to being named in the Prospectus and to the inclusion of reference to the following report (the "Report") in the Prospectus:

Technical Report on The Mining and Processing Assets of Minera Alumbrera Ltd., in Argentina, dated June, 2003.

We confirm that we have read the Prospectus and have no reason to believe that there are any misrepresentations in the information contained therein that are derived from the Report or are within our knowledge as a result of the services performed by us in connection with the Report.

Sincerely,

Micon International Limited

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Terrence Hennessey". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "B" and a horizontal line extending to the right.

B. Terrence Hennessey, P.Geo.