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Alberta Securities Commission

Dear Sirs:

Re: NorthStar Drilling Systems Inc. — Prospectus dated October 26, 1999

We refer to the prospectus of NorthStar Drilling Systems Inc. (the "Corporation") dated October 26, 1999 (the "Prospectus") relating to the qualification for distribution of 3,000,000 common shares issuable on the exercise of outstanding special warrants of the Corporation.

We hereby consent to the use of our firm name in the Prospectus and on the face page of the Prospectus and under the heading "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus.

We have read the Prospectus and have no reason to believe that there are any misrepresentations in the information contained in the Prospectus that are within our knowledge as a result of the services performed in connection therewith.

This letter is provided solely for the purpose of assisting you in discharging your responsibilities and should not be relied upon by any other person for any other purpose.

Yours truly,

BURNET, DUCKWORTH & PALMER

(signed) "Jeff Lawson"
J.G. (Jeff) LAWSON

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