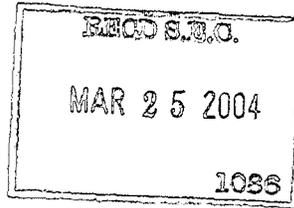


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American Stock Exchange
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March 25, 2004

Mr. Brian Johnson
Branch Chief
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Office of Filing Information
Securities and Exchange Commission
Judiciary Plaza
450 Fifth Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20549

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is to certify that on March 12, 2004, the American Stock Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange") received from Northern Orion Resources, Inc. (the "Registrant"), a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 40-F/A for the registration of the following securities:

Common Shares (no par value)

We further certify that the above described securities have been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking immediate acceleration of the effective date of registration, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

Bryan Fischer
Director
Listing Qualifications Department

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