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**COUGAR MINERALS RECEIVES COMFORT  
LETTER FOR COAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

**Vancouver – Tuesday, July 29, 2008 – Cougar Minerals Corp.** – has received a comfort letter from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources with respect to 29,952 hectares (299.5 sq. km.) overlying existing petroleum and natural gas concessions (“PNG concessions”) made available for coal exploration by the Saskatchewan Government on May 27, 2008. Coal permit and PNG concessions may now be issued over the same land without restriction. The northern boundary of the PNG concessions is located approximately 20 km south of the town of Hudson Bay, Sask.

Comfort Letters include a list of dispositions applied for, the dates of the submissions, land descriptions, boundary plans, affirmation of fee payments and first year rent, the allocated Coal Prospecting Permit (CPP) numbers, and whether the submissions have priority over other applications. The “Comfort Letter” confirms that a majority of permits applied for are “first in line” and will be given priority sequence. The final granting of coal permits is dependent upon government regulatory approval and time required to process the applications, which is at the discretion of the Government of Saskatchewan. Granting of coal permits is subject to a final review of “each application indicating the nature of the work and money to be expended”. The “Comfort Letter” is not a guarantee that all or any of the permits will be issued to the Companies, only that the Companies are first in line for the permits.

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