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ANOORAQ PROVIDES UPDATE  
ON THE EMPOWERMENT TRANSACTION WITH ANGLO PLATINUM

**April 28, 2009 Vancouver, BC** — Anooraq Resources Corporation (“Anooraq” or the “Company”) (TSXV:ARQ; NYSE Amex:ANO; JSE:ARQ) announces that discussions between Anglo American plc (the majority shareholder of Anglo Platinum Limited “Anglo Platinum”), Anglo Platinum, Anooraq and Pelawan Investments (Pty) Limited (the majority shareholder of Anooraq) (“the Parties”) regarding the purchase by Anooraq from Anglo Platinum of an effective 51% of the Lebowa Platinum Mine (“Lebowa”) and an additional 1% controlling interest in each of the Ga-Phasha, Boikgantsho and Kwanda joint venture projects (“the Transaction”), as well as its associated financing strategy, are progressing well and are expected to be concluded shortly.

Shareholders are also referred to the news releases dated October 2, 2008, November 14, 2008 and December 12, 2008, January 28, 2009 and March 11, 2009 relating to the Transaction. The parties remain committed to concluding the Transaction and have therefore agreed to extend the date for fulfillment of the suspensive conditions until June 30, 2009.

In addition, Anooraq has renewed its mandate with Standard Chartered Bank (“SCB”) to provide a portion of the financing required for implementation of the Transaction. The SCB facility being contemplated is a senior debt term facility in an amount of ZAR750 million.

Shareholders are further advised that an update to the April 2008 technical report on Lebowa, as referred to in the cautionary announcement dated March 11, 2009 and which is being prepared in compliance with National Instrument 43-101, is nearing completion and will be filed on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) shortly.

For further information on Anooraq and its South African properties, please visit our website [www.anooraqresources.com](http://www.anooraqresources.com) or call investor services in South Africa at +27 11 883 0831 or in North America at 1 800 667 2114.

On behalf of the Board of Directors  
Philip Kotze  
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This release includes certain statements that may be deemed “forward looking statements”. All statements in this release, other than statements of historical facts, that address potential acquisitions, future production, reserve potential, exploration drilling, exploitation activities and events or developments that Anooraq expects are forward looking statements. Anooraq believes that such forward looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, including assumptions that: the Transaction will complete; Lebowa will continue to achieve production levels similar to previous years; the planned Lebowa expansions will be completed and successful; Anooraq will be able to secure future debt and equity financing on favourable terms; and the Ga-Phasha and Platreef Project exploration results will continue to be positive.

Forward looking statements however, are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those in forward looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward looking statements include market prices, exploitation and exploration successes, changes in and the effect of government policies with respect to mining and natural resource exploration and exploitation and continued availability of capital and financing, and general economic, market or business conditions. Investors are cautioned that any such statements are not guarantees of future performance and those actual results or developments may differ materially from those projected in the forward looking statements. For further information on Anooraq, investors should review the Company’s annual information form filed on [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) or its form 20-F with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and its other home jurisdiction filings that are available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).