Form 45-106F1 Report of Exempt Distribution

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Iтем 1 - Report Type										
✓ New report										
Amended report If amen	nded, provide filing date	of report that is being am	ended (YYYY-MM-DD)							
ITEM 2 - PARTY CERTIFYING THE REPORT										
Indicate the party certifying the report (select only one). For guidance regarding whether an issuer is an investment fund, refer to section 1.1 of National Instrument 81-106 Investment Fund Continuous Disclosure and the companion policy to NI 81-106.										
☐ Investment fund issuer										
✓ Issuer (other than an inves	✓ Issuer (other than an investment fund)									
☐ Underwriter										
ITEM 3 - ISSUER NAME AND OTH	HER IDENTIFIERS									
Provide the following information about the	e issuer, or if the issuer is an in	vestment fund, about the fund.								
Full legal name	Aurora Spine Corporat	ion								
Previous full legal name										
If the issuer's name changed in	the last 12 months, provide mo	ost recent previous legal name.								
Website			(if applicable)							
If the issuer has a legal entity identifier, pro	vide below. Refer to Part B of t	the Instructions for the definition	of "legal entity identifier".							
Legal entity identifier										
ITEM 4 - UNDERWRITER INFORM	ATION									
If an underwriter is completing the report, p	orovide the underwriter's full le	gal name and firm National Keg	istration Database (NRD) number.							
Full legal name										
Firm NRD number		(if applicable)								
If the underwriter does not have a firm NRL) number, provide the head off	fice contact information of the ur	nderwriter.							
Street address	Street address									
Municipality		Province/State								
Country		Postal code/Zip code								
Telephone number		Website	(if applicable)							

ITEM 5 - ISSUER INFORMATION						
If the issuer is an investment fund, do not complete Item 5. Proceed to Item 6.						
a) Primary industry						
Provide the issuer's North American Industry Classification Standard (NAICS) code (6 digits only) that corresponds to the issuer's primary business activity. For more information on finding the NAICS industry code go to Statistics Canada's NAICS industry search tool . NAICS industry code 3 3 9 1 1 2						
If the issuer is in the mining industry , indicate the stage of operations. This does not apply to issuers that provide services to issuers operating in the mining industry. Select the category that best describes the issuer's stage of operations. □ Exploration □ Development □ Production Is the issuer's primary business to invest all or substantially all of its assets in any of the following? If yes, select all that apply. □ Mortgages □ Real estate □ Commerial/business debt □ Consumer debt □ Private companies						
b) Number of employees						
Number of employees: ✓ 0 - 49 — 50 - 99 — 100 - 499 — 500 or more						
c) SEDAR profile number						
Does the issuer have a SEDAR profile? ☐ No ☑ Yes If yes, provide SEDAR profile number 0 0 0 3 4 7 7 0 If the issuer does not have SEDAR profile complete item 5(d) - (h).						
d) Head office address						
Street address Province/State						
Municipality Postal code/Zip code						
Country Telephone number						
e) Date of formation and financial year-end						
Date of formation Financial year-end MM DD MM DD						
f) Reporting issuer status						
Is the issuer a reporting issuer in any jurisdication of Canada? No Yes						
If yes, select the jurisdictions of Canada in which the issuer is a reporting issuer.						
L AII L AB L BC L MB L NB L NL L NT						
NS NU ON PE QC SK YT g) Public listing status						
If the issuer has a CUSIP number, provide below (first 6 digits only)						
CUSIP number						
If the issuer is publicly listed, provide the names of all exchanges on which its securities are listed. Include only the names of exchanges for which the issuer has applied for and received a listing, which excludes, for example, automated trading systems.						
Exchange name(s):						
h) Size of issuer's assets						
Select the size of the issuer's assets for its most recent financial year-end (Canadian \$). If the issuer has not existed for a full financial year, provide the size of the issuer's assets at the distribution end date.						
\$0 to under \$5M \$5M to under \$25M \$25M to under \$100M						
☐ \$100M to under \$500M ☐ \$500M to under \$1B ☐ \$1B or over						

ITEM 6 - INVESTMENT FUND ISSUER INFORMATION									
If the issuer is an investment fund, provide the following information.									
a) Investment fund manager information									
Full legal name									
Firm NRD number	Firm NRD number (if applicable)								
If the investment fund manager does not have a firm NRD number, provide the head office contact information of the investment fund manager.									
Street address									
	Municipality Province/State								
Country	Postal code/Zip code								
Telephone number	Website (if applicable)								
b) Type of investment for	und								
Type of investment fund that r	most accurately identifies the issuer (select only one) .								
Money market	Equity Fixed income								
Balanced	Alternative strategies Other (describe)								
Indicate whether one or both o	of the following apply to the investment fund .								
☐ Invests primarily in o	other investment fund issuers								
☐ Is a UCITs Fund¹									
	Investment of Transferable Securities funds (UCITs Funds) are investment funds regulated by the European Union (EU) investment schemes to operate throughout the EU on a passport basis on authorization from one member state.								
	d financial year-end of the investment fund								
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Date of formatio	Date of formation YYYY MM DD Financial year-end MM DD								
d) Reporting issuer stat	us of the investment fund								
Is the investment fund a repor	ting issuer in any jurisdication of Canada? No Yes								
· · · <u></u> · · · · <u></u> ·	Canada in which the investment fund is a reporting issuer.								
☐ All ☐	AB BC MB NB NL NT								
	NU ON PE QC SK T								
e) Public listing status c	of the investment fund								
	CUSIP number, provide below (first 6 digits only)								
(CUSIP number								
	cly listed, provide the names of all exchanges on which its securities are listed. Include only the names of exchanges for or and received a listing, which excludes, for example, automated trading systems.								
Exchange names									
f) Net asset value (NAV	') of the investment fund								
Select the NAV range of the in	vestment fund as of the date of the most recent NAV calculation (Canadian \$).								
\$0 to under \$5M	\$5M to under \$25M \$25M to under \$100M								
\$100M to under \$500M	\$500M to under \$1B \$1B or over Date of NAV calculation:								
	YYYY MM DD								

ITEM 7 - INFORMATION A	OUT THE DISTRIBUTION	ON								
If an issuer located outside of Canac purchasers resident in that jurisdicti should be disclosed in Item 8. The ir	on of Canada only. Do not inc	clude in Ite	em 7 securiti	es issued as	payment of con	nmissions or fin	der's fees, which)		
a) Currency										
Select the currency or currencies in	Select the currency or currencies in which the distribution was made. All dollar amounts provided in the report must be in Canadian dollars.									
✓ Canadian dollar ✓ US dollar ☐ Euro ☐ Other (describe)										
b) Distribution date(s)										
State the distribution start and end dates. If the report is being filed for securities distributed on only one distribution date, provide the distribution date as both the start and end dates. If the report is being filed for securities distributed on a continuous basis, include the start and end dates for the distribution period covered by the report. Start date 2018 02 08 YYYY MM DD End date 2018 02 08 YYYY MM DD										
c) Detailed purchaser inform	nation									
Complete Schedule 1 of this fo	orm for each purchaser a	nd attac	the sche	dule to th	ne completed	report.				
d) Types of securities distrib	uted									
Instructions for how to indicate th distributed. The information inclu-Asked Questions.					to report convert		ee our <u>Frequent</u>			
Security CUSIP number (if applicable)	Description of security		Numbe secur		Single or lowest price	Highest price	Total amou	ınt		
C M S 05206X			8,715	5,000.00	0.1000		928,40	04.00		
e) Details of rights and conv	_									
If any rights (e.g. warrants, options							xchangeable se	curities		
Security Underlying code security code										
f) Summary of the distribution	on by jurisdiction and exen	nption						_		
State the total dollar amount of securities distributed and the number of purchasers for each jurisdiction of Canada and foreign jurisdiction where a purchaser resides and for each exemption relied on in Canada for that distribution. However, if an issuer located outside of Canada completes a distribution in a jurisdiction of Canada, include distributions to purchasers resident in that jurisdiction of Canada only. This table requires a separate line item for: (i) each jurisdiction where a purchaser resides, (ii) each exemption relied on in the jurisdiction where a purchaser resides, if a purchaser resides in a jurisdiction of Canada, and (iii) each exemption relied on in Canada, if a purchaser resides in a foreign jurisdiction. For jurisdictions within Canada, state the province or territory, otherwise state the country.										
Province or country	Exemption	n relied on			Number of purchasers	Total amou	unt (Canadian \$)			
Exemption relied on purchasers Total amount (Canadian \$) Optorio NI 45-106 2 3 [Accredited investor] 6 636 224 00										

Province or country	Exemption relied on	Number of purchasers	Total amount (Canadian \$)		
Ontario	NI 45-106 2.3 [Accredited investor]	6	636,224.00		
Alberta	NI 45-106 2.3 [Accredited investor]	4	96,500.00		
British Columbia	NI 45-106 2.3 [Accredited investor]	3	95,000.00		
United States	United States NI 45-106 2.3 [Accredited investor]				
	928,404.00				

²In calculating the total number of unique purchasers to which the issuer distributed securities, count each purchaser only once, regardless of whether the issuer distributed multiple types of securities to, and relied on multiple exemptions for, that purchaser.

g) Net proceeds to the investment fund by jurisdiction

If the issuer is an investment fund, provide the net proceeds to the investment fund for each jurisdiction of Canada and foreign jurisdiction where a purchaser resides. If an issuer located outside of Canada completes a distribution in a jurisdiction of Canada, include net proceeds for that jurisdiction of Canada only. For jurisdictions within Canada, state the province or territory, otherwise state the country.

Province or country	Net proceeds (Canadian \$)
Total net proceeds to the investment fund	

³"Net proceeds" means the gross proceeds realized in the jurisdiction from the distributions for which the report is being filed, less the gross redemptions that occurred during the distribution period covered by the report.

h) Offering materials - This section applies only in Saskatchewan, Ontario, Québec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

If a distribution has occurred in Saskatchewan, Ontario, Québec, New Brunswick or Nova Scotia, complete the table below by listing the offering materials that are required under the prospectus exemption relied on to be filed with or delivered to the securities regulatory authority or regulator in those jurisdictions.

In Ontario, if the offering materials listed in the table are required to be filed with or delivered to the Ontario Securities Commission (OSC), attach an electronic version of the offering materials that have not been previously filed with or delivered to the OSC.

Description	Date of document or other material (YYYY-MM-DD)	Previously filed with or delivered to regulator? (Y/N)	Date previously filed or delivered (YYYY-MM-DD)		

Item 8 - Compensation Information							
Provide information for each person (as defined in NI 45-106) to whom the issuer directly provides, or will provide, any compensation in connection with the distribution. Complete additional copies of this page if more than one person was, or will be, compensated.							
Indicate whether any compensation was paid, or will be paid, in connection with the distribution.							
No ✓ Yes If yes, indicate number of persons compensated. 4							
a) Name of person compensated and registration status							
Indicate whether the person compensated is a registrant. No Ves							
If the person compensated is an individual, provide the name of the individual.							
Full legal name of individual							
Family name First given name Secondary given names							
If the person compensated is not an individual, provide the following information.	_						
Full legal name of non-individual Scotia Capital Inc.]						
Firm NRD number 3 4 6 0 (if applicable)							
Indicate whether the person compensated facilitated the distribution through a funding portal or an internet-based portal. 🕡 No 🔲 Yo	es						
b) Business contact information							
If a firm NRD number is not provided in Item 8 (a), provide the business contact information of the person being compensated.							
Street address							
Municipality Province/State							
Country Postal code/Zip code	٦						
Email address Telephone number	Ī						
c) Relationship to issuer or investment fund manager							
Indicate the person's relationship with the issuer or investment fund manager (select all that apply). Refer to the meaning of "connected" in Part B(2) of the Instructions and the meaning of "control" in section 1.4 of NI 45-106 for the purposes of completing this section.							
Connect with the issuer or investment fund manager Insider of the issuer (other than an investment fund)							
Director or officer of the investment fund or investment fund manager							
✓ None of the above							
d) Compensation details							
Provide details of all compensation paid, or to be paid, to the person identified in Item 8(a) in connection with the distribution. Provide all amounts in Canadian dollars. Include cash commissions, securities-based compensation, gifts, discounts or other compensation. Do not report payments for services incidental to the distribution, such as clerical, printing, legal or accounting services. An issuer is not required to ask for details about, or report on, internal allocation arrangements with the directors, officers or employees of a non-individual compensated by the issuer.							
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a) Name of person compensated and registration status									
Indicate whether the person compensated is a registrant. No Yes									
If the person compensated is an individual, provide the name of the individual.									
Full legal name of individual									
Family name First given name Secondary given names									
If the person compensated is not an individual, provide the following information.									
Full legal name of non-individual Leede Jones Gable Inc.									
Firm NRD number 5 7 7 0 (if applicable)									
Indicate whether the person compensated facilitated the distribution through a funding portal or an internet-based portal.	Yes								
b) Business contact information									
If a firm NRD number is not provided in Item 8 (a), provide the business contact information of the person being compensated.									
Street address									
Municipality Province/State									
Country Postal code/Zip code									
Email address Telephone number	=								
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c) Relationship to issuer or investment fund manager Indicate the person's relationship with the issuer or investment fund manager (select all that apply). Refer to the meaning of "connected" in Par	t								
B(2) of the Instructions and the meaning of "control" in section 1.4 of NI 45-106 for the purposes of completing this section.									
Connect with the issuer or investment fund manager Insider of the issuer (other than an investment fund)									
Director or officer of the investment fund or investment fund manager									
✓ None of the above									
d) Compensation details									
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Describe terms of warrants, options or other rights									
Other compensation ⁵ Describe									
Total compensation paid 1,800.00									
Check box if the person will or may receive any deferred compensation (describe the terms below)									
⁴ Provide the aggregate value of all securities distributed as compensation, excluding options, warrants or other rights exercisable to acquire									
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⁵ Do not include deferred compensation.									

a) Name of person compensated and registration status							
Indicate whether the person compensated is a registrant. No Yes							
If the person compensated is an individual, provide the name of the individual.							
Full legal name of individual							
Family name First given name Secondary given names							
If the person compensated is not an individual, provide the following information.							
Full legal name of non-individual Raymond James Investment Counsel Ltd.							
Firm NRD number 1 6 9 0 0 (if applicable)							
Indicate whether the person compensated facilitated the distribution through a funding portal or an internet-based portal. Ves							
b) Business contact information							
If a firm NRD number is not provided in Item 8 (a), provide the business contact information of the person being compensated.							
Street address							
Municipality Province/State							
Country Postal code/Zip code							
Email address Telephone number							
c) Relationship to issuer or investment fund manager							
Indicate the person's relationship with the issuer or investment fund manager (select all that apply). Refer to the meaning of "connected" in Part B(2) of the Instructions and the meaning of "control" in section 1.4 of NI 45-106 for the purposes of completing this section.							
Connect with the issuer or investment fund manager Insider of the issuer (other than an investment fund)							
Director or officer of the investment fund or investment fund manager Employee of the issuer or investment fund manager							
✓ None of the above							
d) Compensation details							
Provide details of all compensation paid, or to be paid, to the person identified in Item 8(a) in connection with the distribution. Provide all amounts in							
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on, internal allocation arrangements with the directors, officers or employees of a non-individual compensated by the issuer.							
Cash commissions paid 2,100.00 Security codes Security code 1 Security code 2 Security code 3							
Value of all securities							
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Describe terms of warrants, options or other rights							
Other compensation ⁵ Describe							
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⁵ Do not include deferred compensation.							

a) Name of person compensated and registration status								
Indicate whether the person compensated is a registrant. No Yes								
If the person compensated is an individual, provide the name of the individual.								
Full legal name of individual								
Family name First given name Secondary given names								
If the person compensated is not an individual, provide the following information.								
Full legal name of non-individual PI Financial Corp.								
Firm NRD number 5 2 9 0 (if applicable)								
Indicate whether the person compensated facilitated the distribution through a funding portal or an internet-based portal.	No Yes							
b) Business contact information								
If a firm NRD number is not provided in Item 8 (a), provide the business contact information of the person being compensated.								
Street address								
Municipality Province/State								
Country Postal code/Zip code								
Email address Telephone number								
c) Relationship to issuer or investment fund manager								
Indicate the person's relationship with the issuer or investment fund manager (select all that apply). Refer to the meaning of "connec	 cted" in Part							
B(2) of the Instructions and the meaning of "control" in section 1.4 of NI 45-106 for the purposes of completing this section.								
Connect with the issuer or investment fund manager Insider of the issuer (other than an investigation)	ment fund)							
Director or officer of the investment fund or investment fund manager Employee of the issuer or investment fund	d manager							
✓ None of the above								
d) Compensation details								
Provide details of all compensation paid, or to be paid, to the person identified in Item 8(a) in connection with the distribution. Provide								
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compensation ⁴								
Describe terms of warrants, options or other rights								
Other compensation ⁵ Describe								
Total compensation paid 6,390.00								
Check box if the person will or may receive any deferred compensation (describe the terms below)								
⁴ Provide the aggregate value of all securities distributed as compensation, <u>excluding</u> options, warrants or other rights exercisable								
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⁵ Do not include deferred compensation.								

ГЕМ	9 - DIRECTORS, EXECUTI	VE OFFICERS A	AND PROMO	TERS OF THE IS	SSUER					
If t	he issuer is an investment fund, o	do not complete I	tem 9. Procced t	o Item 10.						
Indicate whether the issuer is any of the following (select all that apply).										
Reporting issuer in any jurisdiction of Canada										
Foreign public issuer										
Wholly owned subsidiary of a reporting issuer in any jurisdiction of Canada ⁶										
Provide name of reporting issuer										
Wholly owned subsidiary of a foreign public issuer ⁶										
	Provide name of for	eign public issuer								
	Issuer distributing eligible forei	gn securities only	to permitted clien	ıts ⁷						
If the issuer is at least one of the above, do not complete Item 9(a) – (c). Proceed to Item 10. 6An issuer is a wholly owned subsidiary of a reporting issuer or a foreign public issuer if all of the issuer's outstanding voting securities, other than securities that are required by law to be owned by its directors, are beneficially owned by the reporting issuer or the foreign public issuer, respectively. 7 Check this box if it applies to the current distribution even if the issuer made previous distributions of other types of securities to non-permitted clients. Refer to the definitions of "eligible foreign security" and "permitted client" in Part B(1) of the Instructions. If the issuer is none of the above, check this box and complete Item 9(a) - (c).										
a)	Directors, executive officers a		-	., .,						
	ovide the following information for rritory; otherwise state the country.	each director, exec	cutive officer and p				da, sta	e the p	province o	or
	Organization or company name First given name First given name Secondary given names Secondary given names Business location of non-individual or residentail jurisdiction of individual jurisdiction of individual apply)									
					Province o	r country	D	0	Р	
b)	Promoter information									
	the promoter listed above is not an ithin Canada, state the province or t									
Organization or company name First given name Secondary given names Residential jurisdiction of individual Relationship to promoter (select one or both if applicable)										
					Province or country	D		C)	
c)	Residential address of each in	ndividual								

Complete Schedule 2 of this form providing the full residential address for each individual listed in Item 9(a) and (b) and attach to the completed report. Schedule 2 also requires information to be provided about control persons.

ITEM 10 - CERTIFICATION

Provide the following certification and business contact information of an officer or director of the issuer or underwriter. If the issuer or underwriter is not a company, an individual who performs functions similar to that of a director or officer may certify the report. For example, if the issuer is a trust, the report may be certified by the issuer's trustee. If the issuer is an investment fund, a director or officer of the investment fund manager (or, if the investment fund manager is not a company, an individual who performs similar functions) may certify the report if the director or officer has been authorized to do so by the investment fund.

The certification may not be delegated to an agent or other individual preparing the report on behalf of the issuer or underwriter. If the individual completing and filing the report is different from the individual certifying the report, provide their name and contact details in Item 11.

The signature on the report must be in typed form rather than handwritten form. The report may include an electronic signature provided the name of the signatory is also in typed form.

IT IS AN OFFENCE TO MAKE A MISREPRESENTATION IN THIS REPORT

By completing the information below, I certify to the securities regulatory authority or regulator that:

- I have read and understand this report; and
- all of the information provided in this report is true.

Full legal name	Meyer	David			
	Family name	First given name	·	Secondary give	en names
Title	V.P. Chief Legal Officer				
Name of issuer/underwriter/ investment fund manager	Aurora Spine Corporation				
Telephone number	7604242004	Email address d	dmeyer@auroraspine.us		
Signature	(signed) David Meyer	Date	2018	02	20
		_	YYYY	MM	DD

ITEM 11- CONTACT PERSON Provide the following business contact information for the individual that the securities regulatory authority or regulator may contact with any questions regarding the contents of this report, if different than the individual certifying the report in Item 10. Same as individual certifying the report Full legal name **Imrie** Matthew Lawyer Family name First given name Secondary given names Owens Wright LLP Name of company Email address mimrie@owenswright.com Telephone number 4168484732

Notice - Collection and use of personal information

The personal information required under this form is collected on behalf of and used by the securities regulatory authority or regulator under the authority granted in securities legislation for the purposes of the administration and enforcement of the securities legislation.

If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, contact the securities regulatory authority or regulator in the local jurisdiction(s) where the report is filed, at the address(es) listed at the end of this form.

The attached Schedules 1 and 2 may contain personal information of individuals and details of the distribution(s). The information in Schedules 1 and 2 will not be placed on the public file of any securities regulatory authority or regulator. However, freedom of information legislation may require the securities regulatory authority or regulator to make this information available if requested.

By signing this report, the issuer/underwriter confirms that each individual listed in Schedule 1 or 2 of the report who is resident in a jurisdiction of Canada:

- a) has been notified by the issuer/underwriter of the delivery to the securities regulatory authority or regulator of the information pertaining to the individual as set out in Schedules 1 or 2, that this information is being collected by the securities regulatory authority or regulator under the authority granted in securities legislation, that this information is being collected for the purposes of the administration and enforcement of the securities legislation of the local jurisdiction, and of the title, business address and business telephone number of the public official in the local jurisdiction, as set out in this form, who can answer questions about the security regulatory authority's or regulator's indirect collection of the information, and
- b) has authorized the indirect collection of the information by the securities regulatory authority or regulator.