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APPLICATION FOR A WELL LICENCE
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Decision 2007-102 Application No. 1481229

1 DECISION

Having completed a review of the application, the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB/Board) has accepted the applicant's request to withdraw the application and will not reschedule a public hearing to consider the application.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Application

Canetic Resources Inc (Canetic) applied to the EUB, in accordance with Section 2.020 of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Regulations*, for a licence to drill a level-3 critical sour well from a surface location in Legal Subdivision (LSD) 15 of Section 10, Township 50, Range 8, West of the 5th Meridian, to a projected bottomhole location in LSD 1-15-50-8W5M. The maximum hydrogen sulphide (H₂S) concentration expected to be encountered during the drilling and completion/servicing of the well was about 234.6 moles per kilomole (23.46 per cent), and the cumulative drilling H₂S release rate was 5.0 cubic metres per second, with a corresponding emergency planning zone of 6.87 kilometres (km). The purpose of the well was to obtain crude oil production from the Nisku Formation. The proposed well would have been located about 9 km northwest of Rocky Rapids.

2.2 Interventions

Eighteen parties submitted objections to Canetic's application and are listed in Appendix 1. The parties raised concerns related to human health and safety, animal health and safety, impacts on wildlife and the environment, odours, water and water well quality, traffic, implementation of emergency response plans (ERP), air quality and air monitoring, flaring and incineration, cumulative effects, property values, public consultation, property enjoyment, evacuation and relocation, and quality of life. As a number of these parties demonstrated that they might be directly and adversely affected by the Board's decision on Canetic's application, the Board scheduled a public hearing to consider the application.

2.3 Hearing

The Board was scheduled to hold a public hearing to consider Canetic's application in Drayton Valley, Alberta, on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, before Board Member G. J. Miller (Presiding Member) and Acting Board Members C. A. Langlo, P.Geol., and F. Rahnama, Ph.D. However, the EUB received a request from Canetic on November 2, 2007, to postpone the hearing and to allow Canetic until December 7, 2007, to determine whether it wished to proceed with the

application. The Board granted the request for postponement after considering comments from all interested and directed that Canetic state its intentions with respect to the application to the Board by no later than December 7, 2007.

3 DISCUSSION

On December 7, 2007, Canetic notified the EUB that it was withdrawing Application No. 1481229. Pursuant to Section 20 of the *Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Rules of Practice*, the Board accepted the withdrawal of the application. Accordingly, the application was withdrawn and the public hearing to consider it has been cancelled.

According to the Board's normal requirements, as set out in *Directive 056: Energy Development Applications and Schedules*, Canetic is required to complete consultation and notification of affected parties for any future application at the proposed location.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on December 18, 2007.

ALBERTA ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD

G. J. Miller Presiding Member

C. A. Langlo, P.Geol. Acting Board Member

F. Rahnama, Ph.D. Acting Board Member

APPENDIX 1 INTERVENERS

The Pembina Agricultural Protection Association

Ken MacKenzie and Janina MacKenzie

Louise Mastre

Rob Macintosh and Lori Macintosh

Susan Kelly

Emanuel Hagman

Elsbeth Hagman

Russ Kelly

Roger Vowk

Brian Donison and Susan MacLean

Lorie Sullivan

Brad Sullivan

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Abbie Sullivan

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