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By Email Only

Metis Nation of Alberta Region 1
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Statement of Concern No. 30576
Syncrude Canada Ltd.
Application No. 040-00000026

Dear Sir/Madam:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern (SOC) regarding Application no. 040-00000026. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your statement of concern, along with the company's application, and all applicable requirements and other submissions or information about the application. The AER has decided that a hearing is not required to consider the concerns outlined in your statement of concern.

In our review of your concerns, we considered the following:

- Metis Nation of Alberta, Region 1 (MNA R1) concerns have been adequately addressed.
- The application is specific to the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*; it does not include changes to existing approvals per the *Public Lands Act*, *Oil Sands Conservation Act*, or the *Water Act*.
- The concerns regarding Crown Consultation are outside the AER's jurisdiction. They may be directed to the Aboriginal Consultation Office.
- Syncrude has met the AER's stakeholder engagement requirements.
- The project area is within the Lower Athabasca Regional Plan (LARP), which addresses the management of cumulative impacts on the environment on a regional basis.

Based on the above, the AER has concluded that it is not necessary to hold a hearing before making a decision on the application. The AER has issued the applied-for approval and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the approval is enclosed.

All AER- regulated parties must comply not only with the conditions of their authorizations, but with all of the AER's regulatory requirements. To ensure industry compliance the AER has developed its *Integrated Compliance Assurance Framework*, which embodies the three main components of all effective compliance assurance programs, those being education, prevention, and enforcement. You can find out more about how the AER verifies industry compliance and responds to noncompliance here: <https://aer.ca/regulating-development/compliance/compliance-assurance-program>.

You may file a regulatory appeal on the AER's decision to issue the approval if you meet the criteria within section 36 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act*. Filing instructions and forms are located here: <https://www.aer.ca/regulatingdevelopment/project-application/regulatory-appeal-process>.

If you have any questions please contact SOC@aer.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original Signed By>

Steven Van Lingen
Director, Regulatory Applications
Enclosure (1): Approval
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cc: Jane Howard, Syncrude Canada Ltd.
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