

BY E-MAIL ONLY

June 22, 2017

Peter Brimacombe
Tourmaline Oil Corp.

MANCAL COAL INC. APPLICATION NO.1869689
STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 30492

Dear Peter Brimacombe:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern about Application No. 1869689 on behalf of Tourmaline Oil Corp. (Tourmaline). The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed Tourmaline's statement of concern, along with the application, the applicable requirements, and other submissions or information about the application. The AER has decided that a hearing is not required under an enactment, or necessary, to consider the concerns outlined in your statement of concern.

In its review of your concerns, the AER considered the following:

- Mancal Coal Inc. (Mancal) is the holder of Mine Permit C 2011-4.
- Tourmaline is the holder of Petroleum and Natural Gas rights to the base of the Rundle formation in lands that overlap Mancal's mine permit.
- Tourmaline has not been prevented from applying for infrastructure licences for development of the oil and gas resources on the permitted lands.

After consideration of the application, including Tourmaline's concerns about certainty of access due to Mancal's development plans, the AER is approving a limited 2 year extension to the mining permit in order to allow Mancal the time required to apply for and obtain required licences. Mancal is required to provide notice to Tourmaline of its applications and should such plans interfere with an application or development proposed by Tourmaline such concerns can be raised at that time.

The AER has issued the limited extension and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the approval is attached. Under the *Responsible Energy Development Act* an eligible person may file a request for a regulatory appeal on an appealable decision. Eligible persons and appealable decisions are defined in section 36 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act* and section 3.1 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act General Regulation*. If you wish to file a request for regulatory appeal, you must submit your request in the form and manner and within the timeframe required by the AER. You can find filing requirements and forms on the AER website, <http://www.aer.ca/applications-and-notice/appeals>.

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If you have any questions, please contact Fares Haddad at (403) 297-5366 or e-mail Fares.Haddad@aer.ca.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure (1): **(Approval)**

cc: Steven Feick, Mancal
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