

BY E-MAIL ONLY

August 23, 2017

Russell Flint
Snyder & Associates LLP

JUPITER RESOURCES INC.

APPLICATION NO. 1884638

KEN COWLES'S STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 30701

Dear Mr. Flint:

You are receiving this letter because your client, Ken Cowles filed a statement of concern about Application No. 1884638. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your client'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 client's statement of concern.

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

- Mr. Cowles does not own the property on which the project is proposed, however, the project is proposed for a location that is within Mr. Cowles's trapping area under TPA No. 1345. Mr. Cowles's trapper's cabin is located approximately 10 kms from the proposed well.
- Mr. Cowles's TPA grants him the right to exclusively trap fur bearing animals on the lands on which the well is proposed. However, a trapping permit does not grant the permit holder exclusive rights to use of the lands.
- Mr. Cowles's concerns regarding impacts on wildlife and the environment are general in nature. The statement in your letter that recent hydraulic fracturing in the area has left Mr. Cowles without water for his skinning and trapping operations is not supported with details such as when and where the fracturing operations occurred, and what water sources disappeared as a result. In addition,

Mr. Cowles does not identify a specific location that will or may be affected by the proposed well, rather, he states that the increased number of oil and gas facilities and greater intensity of land and road use by industry in the area negatively impacts his harvesting, trapping trails, and the value of his trapline.

- Jupiter Resources Ltd. (Jupiter) is required to meet all environmental and regulatory guidelines and requirements.
- Mr. Cowles's concerns regarding compensation are outside the AER's jurisdiction. To the extent Mr. Cowles has a claim for loss of trapping assets, that should be addressed by the Alberta Trappers' Compensation Board.

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Based on the above, Mr. Cowles has not demonstrated that he may be directly and adversely affected by approval of the well. The AER has issued the applied-for licences and this is Mr. Cowles's notice of that decision. Copies of the licences are 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 your client wishes to file a request for regulatory appeal, he must submit his 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-notices/appeals>.

If you have any questions, contact Valeria Silva at 403-592-4157 or e-mail valeria.silva@aer.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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Enclosure (3): **(Licences)**

cc: Len Moriarity, Jupiter Resources Inc.
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