

BY E-MAIL ONLY

March 1, 2018

Cam MacDonald, President
Fort Chipewyan Métis Local 125**APPLICATIONS FROM SYNCRUDE CANADA LTD.:**

<i>OIL SANDS CONSERVATION ACT</i>	1905189
<i>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT</i>	045-00000026
<i>WATER ACT</i>	011-00251073 and 011-00048398
<i>PUBLIC LANDS ACT</i>	MSL973220

Dear Cam MacDonald:

The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) acknowledges receipt of your letter dated, February 21, 2017, in which you expressed concerns about the subject applications, and requested an extension to the deadline for filing statements of concern (SOC). The AER has decided to grant an extension for filing an SOC until 4:00pm on March 31, 2018. The decision was based on the following:

- The AER is satisfied that you acted expeditiously in the circumstances outlined in your correspondence and filed your extension request in a timely manner.
- Extending the deadline would not cause an unreasonable delay in processing the application or result in any unfairness to the applicant.

By way of copy of this letter to Syncrude Canada Ltd., we are encouraging them to contact you to attempt to address your concerns, in addition to any personal consultation that may be required under AER requirements. As per the AER's process, a formal written response to your statement of concern will be requested from the applicant once your SOC is registered.

The AER offers and strongly recommends you make use of our Alternative Dispute

Resolution (ADR) program which features either staff or third party mediation arranged through an AER mediator. Please contact Fiona LeBlanc at (780) 538-5140 for more information on this process. Further information about this program is available through *EnerFAQs: All About Alternative Dispute Resolution* and *Manual 004: ADR Alternative Dispute Resolution Program and Guidelines for Energy Industry Disputes* on the AER web site, (<http://www.aer.ca>), under Applications & Notices, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Process.

inquiries 1-855-297-8311
24-hour
emergency 1-800-222-6514

Please note that the AER has no jurisdiction over matters of compensation for land usage. The Alberta Surface Rights Board is the regulatory agency that deals with these issues. Further the AER has no jurisdiction with respect to assessing the adequacy of Crown consultation associated with the rights of indigenous peoples.

Please note that Section 49 of the *Alberta Energy Regulator Rules of Practice* (Rules) requires that all documents filed with the AER be placed on the public record. However, any party may file a request for confidentiality of information under Section 49 prior to filing the information with the AER. Any request under Section 49 must be copied to the other parties to the proceeding. Section 49 of the Rules is available at the AER website at www.aer.ca.

If you have any questions, contact Lynn Maric at 403-297-5292 or e-mail Lynn.maric@er.ca.

Sincerely,
<Original signed by>

Erik Kuleba
Director, Authorizations Mining

cc: Murray Danku, Syncrude
AER SOC Coordinator
AER Fort McMurray Center Field Centre
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Aboriginal Consultation Office