

Via Email

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Vantage Point Resources Inc. Robert A. Shields

Attention: John Kanderka Attention: Robert Shields

Dear Sirs:

RE: Request for Regulatory Appeal by Robert A. Shields (Mr. Shields)

Vantage Point Resources Inc. (Vantage) Reclamation Certificate No. 397929 Location/s: 100/07-23-27-2W4M

Request for Regulatory Appeal No.: 1924500

The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has considered the submissions filed in regards to the above captioned matter and has determined that a hearing into the Regulatory Appeal will be held as the legislative tests have been met. In his request for regulatory appeal, Mr. Shields raises concerns with crop contamination due to planting of seed that doesn't conform to the remainder of the field and issuance of the reclamation certificate.

In its letter dated October 29, 2019 the RPG advised that, by operation of sections 91(1)(i) of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA)* and section 36 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act (REDA)*, the tests for appealable decision and eligible person appeared to have been met in this case. Further, the AER has determined there is no justification to dismiss the regulatory appeal request at this stage under section 39(4) of the *REDA*. In short, *EPEA* grants the owner of lands who is in receipt of a copy of a reclamation certificate in respect of the owner's lands an automatic right of regulatory appeal, barring extraordinary and obvious circumstances militating against that right. The AER found that no such circumstances exist in this case.

Given the above, the AER will be asking that the Chief Hearing Commissioner appoint a panel of hearing commissioners to conduct a hearing of the Regulatory Appeal.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey Moore, on behalf of, Charlene Graham EVP Law and General Counsel

Cc: Alana Hall, RPG