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By Email Only

Brenda Goettel and Mark Haldane

Statement of Concern No. 32414
TAQA North Ltd. (TAQA)
Application No. 1948986

Dear Barbara Goettel and Mark Haldane:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern (SOC) about Application No. 1948986. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your SOC, along with the 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 SOC.

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

- Although your lands are adjacent to the proposed lease, you do not own the lands in which the proposed facility will be located on. Additionally, TAQA has received the required consent to build the facility at the proposed location.
- The AER acknowledges your concerns relating to future development and potential expansion; however, they are outside the scope of the current application. If TAQA plans to expand its operations in the future, additional applications would be required, and you will have the ability to provide a statement of concern at that time.
- The AER acknowledges your concerns regarding health and safety, in particular odor and emissions. There is no H_2S, or continuous flaring associated with the proposed project. TAQA must adhere to all requirements set out in *Directive 060: Upstream Petroleum Industry Flaring, Incinerating, and Venting.*
- The AER acknowledges your concerns regarding the potential for water, soil, and air contamination. TAQA must abide by all AER Regulatory requirements during project operations. Should any issues arise during operations, you may report them by contacting AER Field

Operations West or the Energy and Environmental Emergency 24 Hour Response line at 1-800-222-6514.

- The concerns about traffic are outside the jurisdiction of the AER and may be addressed by the Municipality or County, as applicable.
- The AER acknowledges your concerns regarding weeds, and notes that TAQA is required to abide by the *Weed Control Act.*
- Your concerns about aesthetics, property value, and quality of life are general in nature, and there is insufficient information to show how you may be directly and adversely affected by the application.

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 licence and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the licence is attached.

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 licence 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/regulating-development/project-application/regulatory-appeal-process.

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

Sincerely,

<Original Signed By>

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Attachment (1): Licence

cc: Matt France, TAQA North Ltd.

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