

April 29, 2021

By Email Only

Mr. Larry Zieger

**Statement of Concern No. 31868  
Tamarack Acquisition Corp.  
Application No. 30845244**

Dear Mr. Zieger,

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern (SOC) about Application No. 30845244. 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:

- A Detailed Site Assessment (DSA) was conducted by Ram River Environmental Consultants Ltd. on August 18, 2020, which concluded that the condition of the vegetation, landscape, and soil were comparable both onsite and offsite.
- The DSA indicated that all parameters of the *2010 Reclamation criteria for Wellsites and Associated Facilities for Cultivated Lands* were met.
- Operators have a 25-year liability for surface reclamation issues (topography, vegetation, soil texture, drainage, etc.) and a lifetime liability for contamination. If future issues arise, please contact Field Operations – West at [FieldOpsWest@er.ca](mailto:FieldOpsWest@er.ca)
- With respect to your concerns around the site withholding grazing pressure, should any issues arise, even post reclamation certificate, you may notify the AER and the matter will be considered and the site will be inspected.
- With regard to your concern in relation to the signed release for the access road, the AER notes the existence of a release for the access road executed by you, and as a result, considers this concern as adequately addressed. The AER also notes your recent confirmation to leave such access road and

improvements in place. Any outstanding issues related to compensation are outside the AER's jurisdiction, and may be assessed with the Company directly or Alternative Dispute Resolution at [ADR@aer.ca](mailto:ADR@aer.ca)

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 reclamation certificate and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the reclamation certificate 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 reclamation certificate 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](mailto:SOC@aer.ca).

Sincerely,

<original signed by>

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Director, In Situ  
Regulatory Applications  
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Attachment 1: Reclamation Certificate

cc: Carol Ann Bateman, Tamarack Acquisition Corp.  
SOC Inbox, AER  
Brad Dunkle, Reclamation Assessor, AER  
Field Operations - West, AER