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BY E-MAIL ONLY

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RE: Montem Resources Alberta Operations Ltd.
Application No. CEP190006
Statement of Concern No. 31587

Dear Sir/Madam:

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern regarding application no. CEP190006. The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your statement of concern, along with the company's 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 statement of concern.

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

- You do not own the land on which the proposed project will be located.
- The Coal Exploration Program (CEP) impacts are localized and temporary in nature. A letter of authority is issued for a five (5) year term; two (2) years for operations and three (3) years for reclamation.
- The project will be constructed and drilled for approximately two (2) weeks in December 2019 and two (2) weeks in summer 2020, weather dependent.
- Montem is required to comply with Section 5.2 of the *Code of Practice for Exploration Operations made under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA)* and *Directive SD 2010-01: Coal and Oil Sands Exploration Reclamation Requirements*.
- Reclamation is to occur concurrently with the exploration program. All new access trails will be reclaimed upon completion of the program. Modified existing access trails will be restored to their pre-exploration program condition.

- Montem has committed to working with Uplift Adventures to minimize any potential impacts from the exploration.
- Proposed project will adhere to all timeline restrictions imposed in the sensitive areas it falls within.
- Your concerns regarding tourism and stigma related to the area as a result of coal mining are general in nature and are outside the jurisdiction of the AER.
- Your concern regarding Government Policies and Land Footprint Management Plan are beyond the scope of the application, and should be addressed by Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP).
- Montem Resources is required to meet all environmental and regulatory requirements.
- You have not demonstrated that you may be directly and adversely impacted by the approval of the Application.

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The AER has not yet made a decision on the Application and you will be notified when that decision is made. If a hearing on the application is to be held for another reason, a notice of hearing will be published.

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>.

If you have concerns that Montem is not complying with regulatory requirements or that something is occurring that could have a negative impact on public safety, access or the environment, you may file a complaint. You can find more information on making a complaint here: <https://www.aer.ca/protecting-what-matters/giving-albertans-a-voice/file-a-complaint>.

You may file a regulatory appeal on the AER's decision if you meet the criteria within section 36 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act*. Filing instructions and forms are on our website under Regulatory Appeal Process.

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

Sincerely,

<Original Signed By>

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