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**APPLICATION NO. OSE160038 FROM CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES
LIMITED
SOC NO. 30536**

Dear Margaret Luker:

The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) acknowledges receipt of your letters dated December 22, 2016 and January 20, 2017 in which you outlined some concerns about the subject Application. Your letter has been received after the deadline for filing Statements of Concern. The *Responsible Energy Development Act* and the *AER Rules of Practice* require you to file a statement of concern within the deadline set out in the Notice of Application, unless the AER permits you to file the SOC late.

The AER has decided to permit your late filing. In deciding this matter, the AER considered the following:

- MCFN indicates that CNRL did not follow proper protocol when entering application information into its Community Knowledge Keeper.
- CNRL did not provide an explanation of any resulting impacts if the SOC were accepted.
- Considering all of the above, extending the deadline would not cause an unreasonable delay in processing the Application.

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 _____ 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.

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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 Rachel Ruddell at _____ or e-mail _____.

Sincerely,

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