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BY E-MAIL ONLY

May 19, 2017

Margaret Luker

**Mikisew Cree First Nation** 

## APPLICATIONS NO. OSE160038 ETC. FROM CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED

STATEMENT OF CONCERN NO. 30536

Dear Margaret Luker:

The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has identified errors in the letter it sent to you on May 11, 2017 regarding this matter. Specifically, the letter did not reference all application numbers, gave an incorrect location for the project relative to Fort McKay and referenced a pipeline route rather than an oil sands exploration project area. This letter corrects the May 11 letter and replaces it.

You are receiving this letter because you filed a statement of concern about Application No. OSE160038, MSL160908, MSL160909, MSL160910, MSL160911, MSL160912, MSL160913, MSL160914, MSL140822, MSL151794, LOC161011, LOC161012, LOC161013, LOC161014, LOC161015, LOC140796, and LOC152047 on behalf of Mikisew Cree First Nation (MCFN). The AER has reviewed your statement of concern, along with the application, the applicable requirements, and other submissions or information about the applications and has decided that a hearing is not required under an enactment or otherwise necessary to consider the concerns outlined in your statement of concern.

In its review of your concerns, the AER considered the following:

- The project is located about 20 kilometres north from Fort McKay, where many members live.
- The proposed project is located within MCFN's traditional territory.

 MCFN did not provide site-specific information regarding the location of traditional land use sites within or proximate to the proposed oil sands exploration project area to sufficient to demonstrate MCFN might be directly and adversely affected by the applications.

The AER has issued the applied-for approvals and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the approvals is attached. Under the *Responsible Energy Development Act* an eligible person may file a request for a regulatory appeal on an appealable decision. Eligible persons and appealable decisions are defined in section 36 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act* and section 3.1 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act* General Regulation. If you wish to file a request for regulatory appeal, you must submit your request in the form and manner and within the timeframe required by the AER. You can find filing requirements and forms on the AER website www.aer.ca under Applications & Notices: Appeals.

If you have any questions, contact Rachel Ruddell at 403-297-8557 or e-mail rachel.ruddell@aer.ca.

Sincerely,

Erik Kuleba Director, Mining Authorizations

Enclosure (17): Land Use Approvals

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