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O’Chiese Consultation Office

**APPLICATIONS No. PIL160062-001, LOC160177-001, PLA160116-001,
PLA160220-001 from Tourmaline Oil Corp.**

STATEMENTS OF CONCERN NO. 30193 and 30195

Dear Andrew Scott:

You are receiving this letter because you filed statements of concern about Applications No. PIL160062-001, LOC160177-001, PLA160116-001, and PLA 160220-001 on behalf of the O’Chiese First Nation (OCFN). The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has reviewed your statements of concern, along with the applications, 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 concerns.

In its review of the OCFN’s concerns, the AER considered the following:

- OCFN does not own the lands on which the project is proposed, and the proposed project locations are located approximately 135 kms and 142 kms from OCFN’s reserve lands.
- Whether a decision of the AER may directly and adversely affect a party such as OCFN is to be considered by the AER in light of the evidence before it.
- None of the information provided by OCFN identifies that its members actually conduct traditional use activities at any specific locations within or in proximity to the area on which the applications are located. OCFN’s concerns are of a general nature and the information provided by OCFN does not establish a sufficient degree of location or connection between the Applications and the potential interference or

impacts on its asserted Treaty and Aboriginal rights. Accordingly, OCFN has not demonstrated that it may be directly and adversely affected.

The AER has issued the applied-for approvals and this is your notice of that decision. A copy of the approvals are 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.

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If you have any questions, contact Jenna Brotnov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure (4): **(PLA approvals)**

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