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McLennan Ross LLP

Alberta Energy Regulator – Regulatory
Compliance Branch**Attention: Sean Parker****Attention: George Wong, Counsel**

Dear Parties:

RE: Request for Regulatory Appeal by Canadian Natural Resources Limited (Canadian Natural) Alberta Energy Regulator – Regulatory Compliance Branch (Regulatory Compliance) Administrative Penalty Decision issued by the AER (AER File No. 2022-057) to Canadian Natural Resources Limited pursuant to Section 155 of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA) dated July 11, 2024
Location: 10-31-096-12W4M/Horizon Oil Sands Processing Plant and Mine
Request for Regulatory Appeal No.: 1953920

The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has considered the submissions filed in relation to the above captioned matter and has determined that a hearing into the Regulatory Appeal will be held as the legislative tests have been met. In its request for regulatory appeal, Canadian Natural Resources Limited (Canadian Natural) raises concerns with the AER’s decision to issue the Administrative Penalty pursuant to section 155 of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA) to Canadian Natural on July 11, 2024, in relation to bird mortalities that occurred in 2022.

By operation of sections 91(1)(n) of EPEA and section 36 and 38 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act* (REDA), the legislative tests for “appealable decision” and “eligible person” have been met in this case. The regulatory appeal request was filed on time and in the required form. Further, the AER has determined there is no justification to dismiss the regulatory appeal request at this stage under section 39(4) of the REDA. Regulatory Compliance did not take any position in response to Canadian Natural’s request for regulatory appeal. Accordingly, a Regulatory Appeal hearing will be held.

Given the above, the AER will be asking that the Chief Hearing Commissioner appoint a panel of hearing commissioners to conduct a hearing of the Regulatory Appeal.

Sincerely,

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Sean Sexton

Executive Vice President, Law and General Counsel