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Alberta Energy and Utilities Board  
640 - 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W.  
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Attention: Mr. Gary D. Perkins,  
Board Counsel

Dear Sirs:

Re: Pre-Hearing Meeting - Proceeding No. 1347905:  
Phase 3 Proceedings Under Bitumen Conservation Requirements  
Athabasca Wabiskaw-McMurray Area

Further to your notice in the above matter issued on June 8, 2004, this is to advise that the writer acts as counsel for Stylus Exploration Inc. ("Stylus") with respect to the above-captioned Proceeding and that Stylus has not filed any submission with respect to the Pre-Hearing Meeting as Stylus believes that the major participants in the Hearing should determine the scope of the Hearing, the process to be followed and the issues to be considered at the Hearing.

Notwithstanding this position, Stylus wishes to make it clear that it reserves the right to participate in the Hearing to the extent that its interests make it appropriate to do so.

Yours truly,



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cc: Stylus Exploration Inc.  
Attn: Mr. P. Evans, President (Via e-mail), and  
Counsel and Interested Parties (Via e-mail)