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To: Canadian Natural Resources Limited
Paramount Energy Operating Corp.
Cenovus Energy Inc.

**RE: ERCB PROCEEDING 169
APPLICATION NO. 1613543 BY SUNSHINE OIL SANDS LTD.
APPLICATION NO. 1616123 BY TOTAL E & P CANADA LTD.
APPLICATION NO. 1506272 BY PARAMOUNT ENERGY OPERATING
CORPORATION
GAS PRODUCTION AND SHUT IN APPLICAITONS
ATHABASCA OIL SANDS AREA**

In a letter dated December 15, 2009 Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL) raised the matter of the Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB/Board) ensuring that all existing intervals (producing or not) within the pools shut-in by Decision 2009-061 and Interim Shut-in Order 09-003 (the Shut-in Order) be identified on the Shut-in Order. This was to ensure that no intervals were missed and unlawfully produced, and thereby to prevent any inequality among the different operators in the area.

The Board has reviewed the pools included in the Shut-in Order and determined there are 65 intervals, in addition to the intervals listed on Tables 1 and 2 of the Shut-in Order, that have been perforated/completed in these pools. However, according to the ERCB's information, 42 of these intervals have been abandoned. This leaves 23 intervals that are currently perforated/completed in these pools. Of these 23 intervals, 6 are in the Liege Wabiskaw O Pool that would require approval to produce gas in accordance with Interim Directive ID 99-1 because the intervals were completed after July 1, 1998 and they have not been previously approved for gas production. The licensees of the remaining 17 intervals are requested to provide, by February 5, 2010, any reasons they may have for believing that these intervals should not be added to the Shut-in Order. The Board will thereafter consider adding these intervals to the Shut-in Order.

Attachment 1 lists the 17 intervals to be considered for addition to the Shut-in Order, Attachment 2 lists the 6 intervals for which applications would be required before gas could be produced, and Attachment 3 lists the 42 intervals that have been abandoned according to the ERCB's information. If any of the information contained in this letter or the attached tables does not appear to be correct, please provide the ERCB with the correct information.

Any questions should be directed to Bernadette Law at 403-297-2893.

Yours truly,

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Total E&P Canada Ltd.
Athabasca Oil Sands Corp.
Grizzly Oilsands ULC
Japan Canada Oil Sands Ltd.
Imperial Oil Resources Limited
Husky Oil Operations Limited
Alberta Department of Energy
Attachments (3)