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Canadian Natural Resources Limited
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Attention: Jackeline Urdaneta

Dear Ms. Urdaneta:

**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
APPLICATIONS FOR SHUT IN AND PRODUCTION OF GAS
ATHABASCA OIL SANDS AREA**

The Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB/Board) has reviewed the responses submitted by various parties with respect to Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL) December 11, 2009 motion and CNRL's submission dated January 18, 2010.

The Board has asked me to request CNRL to provide the following additional information, not later than January 25, 2010.

1. In the submission from Sunshine Oilsands Ltd. (Sunshine) and Athabasca Oil Sands Corp (AOSC) dated January 8, 2010, it is stated that CNRL has many wells within the application area and that Sunshine and AOSC understand that many of these wells have penetrated the bitumen zones. If CNRL is of the view that bitumen pressures are necessary and in fact can be obtained through existing well bores, CNRL is able to equip its own wells to acquire pressure data. Sunshine and AOSC consent to CNRL carrying out pressure testing at its own costs, provided all data is shared with the bitumen producers. Comment on the option of CNRL obtaining bitumen pressures from its own wells.
2. In CNRL's submission dated January 18, 2010, CNRL identified 8 wells within or proximal to the area of application that CNRL says AOSC has licensed. Clarify whether CNRL is saying that these wells are scheduled to be drilled during this winter season.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (403) 297-7470.

Yours truly,

David Burns
Board Counsel

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Cenovus Energy Inc.
Sunshine Oil Sands Ltd.
Total E&P Canada Ltd.
Athabasca Oil Sands Corp.
Grizzly Oilsands ULC
Japan Canada Oil Sands Ltd.