



# Husky Oil Operations Limited

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**Sahtu Land & Water Board**  
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SLWB File: S12X-006

Via email to: [b.mukhannadiev@swlb.com](mailto:b.mukhannadiev@swlb.com)

**Attention: Bakhtiyor Mukhammadiev, Regulatory Specialist**

**Re: Husky Oil Operations Limited – Request for Approval of 2016 Targeted Surface Water Monitoring Event and Request for Deferral of 2016 Groundwater Monitoring Event for Land Use Permit S12X-006 (Groundwater Investigation Program)**

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Husky Oil Operations Limited (Husky) submits the following letter to request that the Sahtu Land and Water Board (SLWB) waive the requirement, as per Land Use Permit (LUP) S12X-006, for annual groundwater monitoring and to approve the request for a targeted surface water sampling event associated with its Slater River Project for the calendar year 2016.

As specified in the Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan on file with the SLWB under LUP S12X-006, a annual Surface Water and Groundwater Report will be submitted to the SLWB detailing the results of the prior years' activities. Husky has conducted groundwater monitoring programs in 2012, 2013, and 2014 and surface water monitoring programs in 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015. Details of the surface and groundwater monitoring programs have been provided to the SLWB for years 2012, 2013, 2014, and the 2015 report will be submitted to the SLWB by August 31, 2016.

As previously identified to SLWB staff during a meeting on March 12, 2015 the existing deep groundwater monitoring wells MW-09A & B were frozen solid when we attempted to sample them in 2014. It is anticipated that it will take substantial effort and specialized equipment to thaw these well bores before samples can be obtained. Given that Husky does not have an exploration program planned for the Slater River project in 2016, Husky is requesting permission from the Board to defer groundwater monitoring for 2016.

Husky has applied for, and received, a Scientific Research Licence (No. 15934) through the Aurora Research Institute in order to conduct the 2016 surface water monitoring in the Slater River project area.

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As outlined in Condition Part B, Item (3) under the Terms and Conditions of LUP S12X-006, the regular annual report will be submitted to the SLWB by September 30, 2016.

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If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (403) 298-6655 or by email at [Ken.Hansen@huskyenergy.com](mailto:Ken.Hansen@huskyenergy.com).

Sincerely,

**HUSKY OIL OPERATIONS LIMITED**



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