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SLWB File: S12X-006

Via email to: sabrina.sturman@slwb.com

Attention: Sabrina Sturman, Regulatory Specialist

Re: Husky Oil Operations Limited – Request for Approval of 2018 Targeted Surface Water Monitoring Event and Request for Deferral of 2018 Groundwater Monitoring Event for Land Use Permit S12X-006 (Groundwater Investigation Program)

Husky Oil Operations Limited (Husky) submits the following letter to request that the Sahtu Land and Water Board (SLWB) waive the requirement, under 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 of 2018.

As specified in the Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan on file with the SLWB under LUP S12X-006, an 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, 2015, 2016 and 2017. Details of the surface and groundwater monitoring programs have been submitted to the SLWB for years 2012 - 2017.

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 2018, Husky is requesting permission from the Board to defer groundwater monitoring for the calendar year.

Husky's wellsites Little Bear N-09 and Little Bear H-64 are currently both suspended. Husky is planning a well suspension and abandonment program in the 2018/19 Winter necessary to keep its wells in compliance with the "Well Suspension and Abandonment Guidelines and Interpretation Notes" issued by the Government of Northwest Territories Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO). As part of this planned work,

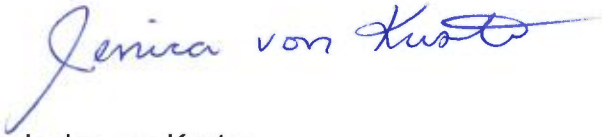
Husky intends to decommission the groundwater monitoring wells during the same time period, and as such, is prepared to invest the time and resources into attempting to thaw the wells in order to sample them. The deferral requested is only for the 2018 summer season, as the work on the groundwater wells is scheduled for February 2019.

Husky has applied, and is awaiting approval, for the renewal of our Scientific Research Licence (No. 15934) application 4185 through the Aurora Research Institute in order to conduct the 2018 surface water monitoring in the Slater River project area.

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, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (403) 523-2313 or by email at Jenica.vonKuster@huskyenergy.com.

Sincerely,
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