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**Attention: Angela Love**

Dear Angela,

**Re: Husky Oil Land Use Permit S13A-002 and Water License S13L1-005 Applications – Letter of Comment from the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board**

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We have reviewed the comments and recommendations provided by the SRRB in the correspondence to the Board dated July 13, 2013. Husky's responses to the letter are provided below and follow the format contained in the SRRB letter.

**General Recommendation**

Long term testing of the wells is required to determine the economic viability of the Canol Formation. This cannot be completed in a single winter season. The all weather road was permitted to allow year-round operations that include drilling in the summer and fall.

**Specific Comments/Recommendations**

1. Husky is aware of the fall rutting season and spring calving seasons. It is anticipated that wildlife in the area will become aware of the activity and may choose to avoid the noise and movement. The operations contemplated will take place along, or very near to the existing all season road, airstrip and camp pads. Crews on-site are briefed to avoid wildlife encounters where possible and to report all wildlife sightings to the wildlife monitor. Speed limits will be strictly enforced to avoid collisions.
2. A wolverine was observed a number of times on the project during the winter. The frequency of observations suggests that it did not move out of the area in response to the activity. Bears have also been observed during the current operations this spring and summer. A den survey was conducted in the fall of 2012 and the area was determined to be of poor habitat for bear denning. Husky will conduct a denning survey for the new access and wellsites if construction is to take place during or after the denning period.
3. Husky does not plan to disturb wetlands. The proposed access and wellsites are located away from wetlands. The primary land type is muskeg.
4. Husky's new clearings will be at least 100m from any watercourse. It is unclear in the SRRB comments which wetlands they feel will be affected.
5. The TK collected by the Tulita Renewable Resources Council for Husky's exploration licences was intended to determine all of the traditional land uses that have taken or are taken place in that area. The information collected, identified through interviews with local land users, included

activities that took place in all seasons (for example: hunting, fishing, trapping, berry picking). The information was not collected with regard to Husky's specific project activities but is used to ensure that the exploration activities may be planned with consideration for local land use and local users. Husky considers the information obtained by the TK study valuable in its planning for activities no matter which season they may by take place in. Husky stated during the April 11 meeting that it is open to further discussion regarding the TK study but has made no commitment to further studies at this time.

6. Dust control for the all season road is currently managed with the application of water. Longer term management may include dust control products provided they are environmentally friendly. Dust control on the additional access to the vertical wells can be managed by water. Any other dust control product will be used only after approval by AANDC and the SLWB.

Regards,

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