



Sahtu Land and Water Board

Staff Report

Division: Land & Water Program	Company: Cenovus Energy Inc.
Location: Slater River Program / Project, Tulita District	File No. S20X-006 / S20L1-004, S13X-003 / S13L1-006, S13A-001 / S13L1-005, S12X-006
Date Prepared: May 5, 2022	Meeting Date: July 5, 2022
Subject: Name Change from Husky Energy Inc. (Husky) / Husky Oil Operations Limited to Cenovus Energy Inc. (Cenovus)	

1. Purpose/Report Summary

The purpose of this Report is to present to the Sahtu Land and Water Board a Notification of a company name change from Husky Oil Operations Limited to Cenovus Energy Inc. (Cenovus) following the merger/amalgamation of Husky Energy Inc. (Husky) and its subsidiary companies with Cenovus (Attachment 8.1). Cenovus has requested the name change for the following Land Use Permits and Water Licences in the Slater River program area:

- S20X-006 / S20L1-004 – Slater River Reclamation, Care and Maintenance
- S13X-003 / S13L1-006 – Slater River Program, Site Wide Services
- S13A-002 / S13L1-005 – Slater River Program, Little Bear N-09 & H-64 Well Sites
- S12X-006 – Slater River Ground / Surface Water Program

2. Background

- **December 4, 2017** – expiry of Permit S12X-006 – groundwater monitoring wells and surface water baseline study, which was operating under the S13A-002 Permit for the abandonment program;
- **July 18, 2020** – expiry of Permit S13A-002 (consolidated from S11A-003) and WL S13L-005 (consolidated from S11L1-003) vertical well exploration drilling and completions;
- **October 1, 2020** – Husky Oil Operations Limited submits application for a five-year Type A Land Use Permit and five-year Type B Water Licence, proposing to consolidate remaining Slater River Program components associated with reclamation and care and maintenance;

- **October 20, 2020** – expiry of Permit S13X-003 (consolidated from S11T-002 and S12F-007) and Water Licence S13L1-006 (consolidated from S11L3-002 and S12L8-007) Site Wide Services;
- **October 25, 2020** – Cenovus Energy Inc. and Husky Energy Inc. announce a merger of the two companies;
- **January 4, 2021** – Cenovus-Husky merger commences;
- **January 14, 2021** - Board approved Husky Oil Operations Limited (Husky) new Land Use Permit S20X-006 and new Water Licence S20L1-004;
- **February 21, 2022** – email of notification of name change from Cenovus Energy Inc.;
- **May 5, 2022** - Staff Report finalized;
- **July 5, 2022** – Staff Report presented to the Board;
- **January 14, 2026** – Expiration of Permit S20X-006 and Licence S20L1-004.

3. Discussion

Cenovus currently holds two active authorizations with SLWB, Permit S20X-006 and Licence S20L1-004, for the Slater River area. These were initially issued to Husky Oil Operations Limited on January 14, 2021. In its application (October 1, 2020), Husky proposed to consolidate remaining Slater River Program project components requiring further reclamation, or future care and maintenance under the one Land Use Permit and one Water Licence. On February 21, 2022, Cenovus requested a name change on S20X-006 / S20L1-004 and associated (consolidated) Permits and Licences to reflect the merger/amalgamation of Husky with Cenovus. The name change is an administrative information item that does not require public review or board approval.

4. Comments

Cenovus provided documents required to support the name change: *Certificate No. 613428, Certificate of Registration of an Amalgamated Extra-Territorial Corporation, November 25, 2021*, and *Form 26, Statement of Amalgamation of Extra-Territorial Corporation*, of the Business Corporations Act, Government of Northwest Territories. (Attachment 8.1).

5. Review Comments

N/A

6. Security

There is currently \$1,166,670.75 in security held by GNWT-Lands for the S20X-006 Land Use Permit and \$388,890.25 in security held by GNWT-ENR for the S20L1-004 Water Licence. Additionally, there remains, held in security, \$244,946.00 for S13A-002, \$35,825.72 for S12X-006, and \$361,659.00 for S13L1-005 (Table 1). These latter three authorizations will be inspected this summer, 2022, and if all conditions are acceptable, recommended for file closure and refund of security.

Table 1: Husky Oil Operations Limited securities held by GNWT for Slater River Programs/Project.

Proponent	Project Name	Authorization Type	Authorization Number	Current Value	Security Form
Husky Oil Operations Limited	Slater River Project	Land Use Permit	S20X-006 (S13X-003)	\$1,166,670.13	ILOC
Husky Oil Operations Limited	Little Bear N-09, H-64, G-70, and O-41 wellsites	Land Use Permit	S13A-002	\$244,946.00	ILOC
Husky Oil Operations Limited	Slater River Project	Land Use Permit	S12X-006	\$35,825.72	Cash
Husky Oil Operations Limited	Slater River Project	Water Licence	S20L1-004 (S13L1-006)	\$388,890.25	ILOC
Husky Oil Operations Limited	Little Bear N-09, H-64, G-70, and O-41 wellsites	Water Licence	S13L1-005	\$361,659.00	ILOC

Land Use Permit security information provided by Chris Waslyshyn-Ondris, GNWT; Water Licence security information provided by David Jessiman, GNWT.

7. Administrative Update

Board Staff updated the above listed Permits and Licences issued to Husky Oil Operations Limited to reflect the name change to Cenovus Energy Inc. A letter of acknowledgement to Cenovus (Attachment 8.2) and updated Permit and Licence cover pages (Attachment 8.3-8.9) were signed by the Board Chair and sent to Cenovus. These documents are attached for the Board's information. Associated Permit and Licence terms and conditions remain the same, although where applicable the name of the Permittee/Licensee and footers were updated to Cenovus Energy Inc. Permit/Licence cover pages and terms and conditions with updated name change have been posted to the Public Registry.

8. Reference Material Attached

- 8.1 Cenovus Name Change Notification Letter and Supporting Documents
- 8.2 Acknowledgement Letter
- 8.3 S20X-006 Permit Cover Page reflecting name change
- 8.4 S13X-003 Permit Cover Page reflecting name change
- 8.5 S13A-002 Permit Cover Page reflecting name change
- 8.6 S12X-006 Permit Cover Page reflecting name change

- 8.7 S20L1-004 Licence Cover Page reflecting name change
- 8.8 S13L1-006 Licence Cover Page reflecting name change
- 8.9 S13L1-005 Licence Cover Page reflecting name change

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