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Dear Duncan MacRae:

**Decision: Request to Extend the Deadline for  
Abandonment of Suspended Wells at the Cameron Hills Field (OA-2018-003-SOG)**

On July 6, 2021, the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) received a letter from Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc., receivers for Strategic Oil & Gas Ltd. (Strategic), about the scheduled abandonments of two groups of suspended wells at the Cameron Hills Field:

<b>Group 1: Wells Scheduled for Abandonment by March 31, 2023</b>	<b>Group 2: Wells Scheduled for Abandonment by March 31, 2022</b>
Cameron F-73 (WID 1992)	Cameron A-73 (WID 1747)
Cameron 2F-73 (WID 2025)	Swede G-21 (WID 1764)
Cameron I-74 (WID 1792)	Cameron N-28 (WID 1753)
Cameron J-04 (WID 2034)	Cameron B-38 (WID 2002)
Cameron I-10 (WID 1492)	Cameron J-37 (WID 1751)
Cameron B-25 (WID 1756)	Cameron L-29 (WID 2041)
Cameron L-44 (WID 1743)	Cameron M-49 (WID 1974)
Cameron M-74 (WID 2063)	Cameron C-50 (WID 1608)
Cameron F-75 (WID 1971)	Cameron A-68 (WID 1746)
Cameron E-07 (WID 2042)	Cameron N-06 (WID 2067)
Cameron M-31 (WID 1122)	Cameron C-16 (WID 2001)
	Cameron F-77 (WID 2065)
	Cameron 2B-09 (WID 2071)

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Strategic requests to extend the abandonment deadlines for these wells as follows:

1. Group 1 wells to March 31, 2024; and
2. Group 2 wells to March 31, 2023.

### **Group 1**

The wells in Group 1 were classified as suspended compliant under the *Well Suspension and Abandonment Guidelines and Interpretation Notes* (Guidelines) on August 31, 2017, with the exception of Cameron E-07 (WID 2042), which was brought back into compliance on May 25, 2018. Section 1 of the Guidelines requires that these wells be brought back into production or abandoned no later than January 31, 2023.

On January 27, 2021, Strategic submitted an Abandonment Plan, as required by section 1 of the Guidelines, requesting an extension of the deadline for abandoning the Group 1 wells from January 31, 2023 to March 31, 2023.

On February 22, 2021, I extended the deadline for the abandonment of the Group 1 wells to March 31, 2023.

Having considered Strategic's request to further extend the deadline for the abandonment of the Group 1 wells to March 31, 2024, I find that the requested extension conflicts with the objectives of the Guidelines, my direction of February 22, 2021 and the purposes set out in the *Oil and Gas Operations Act*, particularly the protection of human safety and of the environment. Furthermore, I see no practical reason why these well abandonments cannot occur during the winter 2023 work season.

**Therefore, I deny the request for an extension to the deadline for the abandonment of the Group 1 wells and direct Strategic to abandon them by March 31, 2023.**

### **Group 2**

The wells in Group 2 were classified as suspended compliant under the Guidelines on August 31, 2017. Section 1 of the Guidelines requires that these wells be brought back into production or abandoned no later than January 31, 2023.

Strategic's Abandonment Plan committed to the abandonment of the Group 2 wells by March 31, 2022, a year in advance of the requirement in the Guidelines.

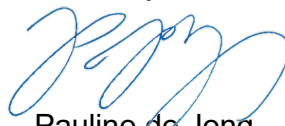
Having considered Strategic's request to extend the deadline for the abandonment of the Group 2 wells from January 31, 2023 to March 31, 2023, I find that a two month extension for the abandonment of these wells does not conflict with the objectives of the Guidelines or with the purposes set out in the *Oil and Gas Operations Act*, particularly the protection of human safety and of the environment. I also recognize that extending the deadline to March 31, 2023 is a logical response to the limits of the northern operating season.

**Therefore, I extend the deadline for the abandonment of the Group 2 wells to March 31, 2023.**

OROGO has already received 12 of the 13 well approval applications required for the Group 2 well abandonments. OROGO will continue to process these applications, given Strategic's stated intention to endeavor to complete these abandonments within the timelines approved in my letter of February 22, 2021, despite its request for an extension.

If you have any questions, please contact OROGO at [orogo@gov.nt.ca](mailto:orogo@gov.nt.ca) or by calling (867) 767-9097.

Sincerely,



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