



Date: January 15, 2020

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RE: Non-Compliance with Term #9 of Operations Authorization OA-2018-005-CNRL

Dear Ms. Pauline de Jong,

On November 1, 2019 Canadian Natural Resources Limited (Canadian Natural) was informed of the requirement for full Application to Alter the Conditions of a Well form (ACW) to be completed on several wells. At this time the review of the submitted Operations Authorization (OA) that was underway. Following approval of the OA on November 26, 2019, a deadline of January 9, 2020 was indicated on the Approval (Additional Terms #9), however this deadline was unintentionally missed.

Canadian Natural appreciates the requirement for the timely submission of the ACW's for the subject wells to provide sufficient time for OROGO review. The specific details required within the technical programs have been discussed with your technical team, and are reasonable to expect at this time.

With the considerations to include multiple contingent plans for each well, in the event of operational challenges encountered during operations, a reasonable amount of engineering time will be required to develop the appropriate documents. In addition, allowing additional time will enable us to apply some learnings from our current Q1 2020 winter projects underway in BC and Alberta. **As such, we respectfully request until March 31, 2020 to conclude the submission of the application for the subject wells.**

As there are no well operations planned for Q1 2020, the proposed additional time for the development of the documents should not impact future work.

Canadian Natural will diligently work towards bringing the subject wells into compliance with respect to the ACW's through submission of individual applications as they are internally approved throughout the time period. This will provide OROGO with confirmation that the planning work is underway, as well as provide adequate time for supplemental information requests that can be incorporated into the development of the remaining ACW's, and ultimately reduce the administrative burden on your office.

We appreciate your patience and support as we work through the formal portions of these applications together.

Thank you,
Canadian Natural Resources Limited

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ryan M." followed by a stylized flourish.

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