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Attention: Pauline de Jong, Regulator

Via Email Only: OROOG@gov.nt.ca

OA-2019-002-MGM IR#9 Response

MGM Energy (MGM) response to OROGO's IR#9 for the subject OA is provided in blue font below the IR items noted in black font. It should be noted MGM and Suncor are jointly engaging with affected communities to involve them in the well abandonment program to provide contracting services and employment. Identifying the community company or joint venture and engage with them to ensure they meet safety, health and environmental requirements is essential.

8.1 Local Capacity

Preamble:

In its response to Information Request No. 8.1, MGM states that local communities “have the potential to provide the supply and access services” for the proposed abandonment operations. It also provides information on communication with various contacts in the region about possible contracting opportunities. The last communication listed is on February 14, 2023.

OROGO has not received further information from MGM on whether local services are available to support MGM's operations, either in 2024 (current deadline) or 2025 (the extension MGM has requested).

Request:

Please provide an update on the status of MGM's discussions with local contractors, including information on whether support services are available for 2024 or 2025 operations.

In our communications with Suncor after their meeting in August 2023 , Behdzi Ahda First Nation (BAFN) indicated that they were engaging to enter into joint venture agreement with a northern contractor to conduct a portion of the work associated with the abandonments. MGM is uncertain that the negotiations for a joint venture are complete. The disruption due to wildfires and smoke have likely impacted the ongoing communications as MGM is aware that the potential joint venture partner is based in a community that was subject to evacuation. MGM doesn't expect that the joint venture will be finalized in time for MGM to assess the contracting company health, safety, environment, and financial requirements in a timeframe that meets the staging requirements for a 2025 abandonment program implementation. With Northwest Territories communities returning from evacuation, MGM Energy intends to follow up with BAFN in Q4 regarding the status of the new potential joint venture.

Should you require additional information or would like to meet to discuss, please contact me.

Respectfully,

MGM Energy

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Hawkins', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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