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**Attention: Pauline de Jong, Executive Director, OROGO**

**Re: Request for Extension of Deadline for abandonment of the Tweed Lake M-47 (WID1476), Tweed Lake A-67 (WID1555) and Bele -35 (WID1600) Wells (OA-2021-003-SUN)**

Dear Pauline:

Please find the additional information requested by OROGO as set out in the Information Request No. 6 dated September 12, 2023.

We trust that the response provided will satisfy your current requirements and provides suitable documentation for your records. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dara Schmidt". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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## **6.1 Local Capacity**

### **Request:**

Please provide an update on the status of Suncor's discussions with Colville Lake/Behzhi Ahda' First Nation, including information on whether support services are available for 2024 or 2025 operations.

### **Response:**

As outlined in the information request No. 5 response, in June 2022, it was suggested to Suncor by Colville Lake/Behzhi Ahda' First Nation that they are looking for a new civil and supporting services partnership. Suncor provided Colville Lake/Behzhi Ahda' First Nation with the resourcing/equipment requirements for the Colville Lake Abandonments.

As a follow-up, on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Suncor met with the Chief and other representatives of the Behzhi Ahda' First Nation along with two representatives of their potential partnership company in Edmonton, Alberta. During this meeting, Suncor was told that the Behzhi Ahda' First Nation potential partnership was in the late stages of negotiations. During this meeting, Suncor provided an update on the project including project tasks, schedule (based on 2026 abandonment), qualification information/EH&S requirements and high-level equipment requirements.

The representatives of the Behzhi Ahda First Nation and their potential partner responded positively and expressed interest in taking part in the project, potentially as general contractor. However, with the ongoing wildfire and evacuation situations in Hay River, Suncor has not had a follow-up proposal discussion with Behzhi Ahda' First Nation's potential construction partner, as we were aware that they were impacted by the evacuations as well as being engaged in wildfire suppression activities that were a priority in the area. Suncor intends to continue conversations once Hay River re-entry is completed.

Suncor is optimistic that there will be a partnership opportunity available with local service companies to support the 2025 operations, ahead of the 2026 abandonment and that would satisfy the requirement of the Government of Northwest Territories, Industry, Tourism and Investment Benefits Plan and the K'Asho Gotine (Benefits) and Access Agreement. All business discussion details are held confidential. We are happy to meet and discuss further should more information be required.

Suncor knows that in order to be successful in entering the K'asho Got'ine District within the Sahtu Region and completing the abandonment work, Suncor must work with the Behzhi Ahda' First Nation.