

Joint Review Panel

Established to review the **Pierre River Mine Project**

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Dear Mr. Rosser:

The Joint Review Panel (Panel) has received your letter dated February 23, 2015, in which you state that Shell Canada Energy has formally decided to withdraw its Pierre River Mine project applications from the federal and provincial review processes being conducted by the Panel. In its capacity as a hearing panel of the Alberta Energy Regulator, the Joint Review Panel accepts the withdrawal of the project applications. The Panel has informed Canada's Minister of the Environment and Mr. Jim Ellis, CEO, Alberta Energy Regulator, that the project applications have been withdrawn. The Panel has also requested that the Minister and the CEO, Alberta Energy Regulator, confirm in writing that there is no longer a need for an environmental assessment of the PRM project and that the joint review proceeding is terminated.

Yours truly,

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Alex Bolton
Joint Review Panel Chair