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Alberta Energy Regulator

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Attention: Regional Approvals Manager, Northern Region

Dear Sir/Madam:

**Subject: NOTICE OF INTEREST OF SYNCRUDE CANADA LTD.**

**CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REGISTRY Reference  
#59539**

**SHELL CANADA LIMITED  
PIERRE RIVER MINE PROJECT APPLICATION**

Further to Applications filed with the Energy Resources Conservation Board (the ERCB) (Application No. 1554396) and with Alberta Environment (AENV) (Application Nos. 001-00245358 and 00245489 – Water Act) ) (the "Applications") submitted by Shell Canada Limited ("Shell") pursuant to the provisions of the *Oil Sands Conservation Act and the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* respecting Shell's Pierre River Mine Project Application, and also further to the Public Notice concerning Public Comment Invitation on Additional Information issued on November 7, 2013 by the Joint Review Panel assembled for the purpose of considering those applications, Syncrude would like to notify the Alberta Energy Regulator of its interest in the proceedings related to the Applications.

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Syncrude operates integrated oil sands mines, extraction facilities and an upgrader ("Syncrude Project"). Operation of the Syncrude Project commenced in 1978 at Mildred Lake with production of approximately 100,000 barrels per day of Synthetic Crude Oil ("SCO"). Through a series of expansions (known as "Syncrude 21"), Syncrude currently has approval to expand SCO production to 470,000 barrels a day. Investment in the Syncrude Project, as spent and committed, exceeds \$17 billion.

Any decision in respect of these Applications by Shell could impact the overall development of Syncrude's leases. As such, Syncrude is directly affected by the Applications.

Syncrude is not specifically objecting to the Applications. However, Syncrude requests that it be registered as an intervener so that it may attend any public hearings or other forums held in relation to the Applications (if such proceedings are required).

Syncrude wishes to be informed of all matters of public record regarding the Applications. Communication and correspondence with Syncrude should be directed as follows:

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Yours truly,

**SYNCRUDE CANADA LTD.**

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✓ cc Jill Adams; Pierre River Mine joint Review Panel Manager