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1 November 16, 2012 2 (8:30 a.m.) 3 THE CHAIRMAN: Good morning, everyone. 4 I'm 5 not sure where to start. Mr. Denstedt, did you 6 have any further comments with respect to where we 7 left off yesterday? 8 MR. DENSTEDT: I do, sir. 9 MATTERS SPOKEN TO BY MR. DENSTEDT: 10 11 MR. DENSTEDT: A couple of things by way of 12 First of all, last Friday, as we are context. 13 aware, Dr. Schindler appeared for OSEC for a brief moment in time and left before either the Board or 14 15 Shell had an opportunity to cross-examine him. 16 Since that time, he's been on a six-day speaking 17 tour, as I understand from my friend. Last night, or I should say yesterday 18 19 morning, the Panel posed a number of questions to a 20 variety of parties who were witnesses for the ACFN 21 and OSEC and asked for a response with an 22 indeterminant timeline on it. 23 Clearly, that puts Shell in a very difficult 24 position at this moment, both in respect of its 25 rebuttal panel, but also in respect of final

1 argument, and I'll get to that in a minute. 2 The questions could be answered post-final 3 argument, which again would require us to reopen 4 the hearing, and I don't think that suits anybody's 5 purposes. And I understand from my friends at the 6 ACFN that the questions posed to their witnesses 7 will likely be answered Monday, so I think that 8 problem goes away on its own. 9 I'm not sure about the Dr. Schindler problem. My concern is is it's his actions that have caused 10 11 this chaos. And I don't think the Panel or the 12 Proponent or the other parties should be at the 13 whim of one person. I just don't think that's fair, sir. 14 15 And in respect of that, I'm proposing to make 16 a motion pursuant to Section 9(9) of the Rules of 17 Practice for this direction: 18 That the questions that were posed by the 19 Board in its letter of November 15th, 2012, that

20 the Board direct those parties to answer those 21 questions by noon on Monday;

I'd ask for the further direction of the Board that Shell be allowed to respond to those questions, if necessary, by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, and that final argument proceed as scheduled on

1 Tuesday for all parties to participate in; I'd ask for the Board to direct that 2 3 Dr. Schindler not respond to the rebuttal that Shell is proposing to put in today. 4 5 That's my motion, sir. 6 If you have any questions, I would be happy 7 to answer them. THE CHAIRMAN: I have one, sir. You asked 8 9 for further direction of the Board that Shell be allowed to respond to those questions, if 10 necessary, by 5:00 p.m. on Monday. I'm not sure 11 12 what you mean by that. MR. DENSTEDT: Sorry, so let me explain. 13 So 14 the questions that were posed to the ACFN witnesses 15 and to Dr. Schindler may provide new evidence that 16 Shell might need to rebut. I don't know that 17 that's the case, and I don't expect it, but I would just like to reserve that right in case something 18 19 arises. 20 THE CHAIRMAN: I think that's what I was 21 -- well, I don't think; it "was" what I was 22 thinking of yesterday when I spoke about a possible 23 remedy to the situation we find ourselves in, sir, 24 so it's consistent with what the Panel has been 25 thinking of, in any case. I think you have to have

1 that ability; you have to have that process. 2 Just I'd like to hear from the other counsel, 3 particularly Ms. Buss, on, you know, whether or not the questions can be responded to by noon on 4 5 Monday, for example. Ms. Buss. 6 7 MATTERS SPOKEN TO BY MS. BUSS: MS. BUSS: 8 Good morning, Mr. Chairman. 9 In response to some inquiries I had from Board counsel, I was able to confirm that Dr. Schindler 10 11 is going to be back in Alberta on Sunday and would 12 be available to come in person on Monday morning to 13 answer questions. I didn't specifically ask about the responding in writing by noon on Monday, but I 14 15 suspect that that should be doable in lieu of him being in attendance Monday morning. 16 17 So either of those options we could 18 accommodate. 19 The preference would be for him to come 20 Monday morning, because that was my last 21 communication with him. 22 And, sorry, just for the record, Mr. Chairman 23 Dilay, with respect to my friend's comments on the 24 context, I want to clarify that this is not Dr. Schindler's fault that we're in this 25

1 predicament. In fact, it's my fault, because we 2 knew we had a scheduling problem and I was 3 infinitely gullible in believing my friends', Mr. Denstedt and Mr. Roth, and the other parties' 4 5 time estimates. And that was my fault. And just 6 for the record, it's not Dr. Schindler who is to 7 blame here. 8 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Denstedt, could you speak 9 to this option of having Dr. Schindler appear to speak to these things orally on Monday morning. 10 11 12 FURTHER MATTERS SPOKEN TO BY MR. DENSTEDT: 13 MR. DENSTEDT: Yes, I think, Mr. Chairman, 14 that would be our least desirable option. As you 15 know, there's thousands of pages of information on 16 the record that we have been feverishly trying to 17 prepare final argument for and was the reason why we tried to have that one extra day. To commit 18 19 resources now to attend on Monday to hear 20 Dr. Schindler seems like, again, puts us in a 21 difficult position in that respect. We have seven 22 parties to respond to and it's going to take the

full team to do that. And while, you know, I defer to the Board's judgment on whatever they decide obviously, it would be our least desirable outcome.

1 And we think had Dr. Schindler been here for cross-examination, he would have had to answer 2 3 these questions that the Board posed to him on the spot. So it seems to me that if he's arriving back 4 5 in the province on Sunday, he should be able to 6 easily answer these questions in time for noon 7 Monday. 8 Thank you, sir. 9 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Just give us a 10 moment, please. 11 Oh, sorry, Ms. Biem. 12 13 MATTERS SPOKEN TO BY MS. BIEM: Good morning, Panel. 14 MS. BIEM: I just 15 wanted to let you know that ACFN has no problem 16 providing answers in writing by noon on Monday. 17 THE CHAIRMAN: Thanks. And I'm sorry I 18 didn't ask you, Ms. Biem. 19 MS. BIEM: No problem. 20 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Just give us a 21 moment. 22 23 (Joint Review Panel confers) 24

Thanks, everyone. In

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THE CHAIRMAN:

considering the submissions, the Panel believes

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2 that what Mr. Denstedt has proposed is a reasonable 3 way to go, so we would ask that Dr. Schindler 4 respond and the ACFN respond by noon on Monday. 5 And, Ms. Buss, we would like to have you let 6 us know if something untoward occurs and that 7 becomes not possible. If you could keep in touch 8 with Mr. Perkins, we'd appreciate that. 9 10 (Oral Ruling) 11 12 MS. BUSS: Certainly, sir. 13 And -- Mr. Perkins? THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry, sir, I didn't mean to 14 MR. PERKINS: 15 interrupt you. 16 THE CHAIRMAN: You didn't. 17 MR. PERKINS: Thank you. 18 19 MATTERS SPOKEN TO BY MR. PERKINS: 20 MR. PERKINS: I think implicit in that, but 21 just so the record is clear, if we could have the 22 responses that are provided by the ACFN witnesses 23 and Dr. Schindler provided to all counsel and the 24 unrepresented parties in this proceeding. I have 25 been e-mailing that group and so we do have among

1 that group a contact list, but I can provide it 2 again if anyone's unsure of the current version of that list. 3 THE CHAIRMAN: Thanks very much, 4 5 Mr. Perkins. That's important. 6 MR. DENSTEDT: Mr. Chairman, I'll just 7 clarify as well that I assume our request that Dr. Schindler not respond to the rebuttal that 8 9 we're submitting today is also applicable? 10 THE CHAIRMAN: Ms. Buss? I spoke to my friend about 11 MS. BUSS: 12 this and we'll certainly undertake not to provide 13 Dr. Schindler with the transcript of the rebuttal evidence today. But, as I told my friend, we 14 15 already gave him the PowerPoint Presentation when 16 we received it. So I'll ask him not to respond to 17 it, but I can't get him to disabuse his mind of the 18 information if it informs his response in some way, 19 that would just not be possible, but that's what we 20 can undertake to do. 21 MR. DENSTEDT: That's acceptable. 22 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Thank you, 23 everyone. 24 And so otherwise, we will be commencing final 25 argument at 8:30 on Tuesday.

1 Is there any other housekeeping? Ms. Biem? 2 3 UNDERTAKINGS SPOKEN TO BY MS. BIEM: MS. BIEM: Good morning, again. 4 I just 5 wanted to let the Panel know that I've provided 6 Shell Canada, the Panel Secretariat and Mr. Perkins 7 with copies of written responses to undertakings 8 provided by ACFN witnesses last week. And I'll 9 have copies of them also available at the back of the room. 10 11 THE CHAIRMAN: Did you want to speak to them 12 briefly? 13 MS. BIEM: Oh, sure. 14 One was an undertaking by Dr. Carver to 15 respond to question on cross-examination by 16 Mr. Denstedt on Thursday night. 17 And Dr. Candler has also provided responses 18 to questions regarding the area of one of the 19 Consultation Areas on Map 1 at Exhibit 006-024. 20 He also has provided a list of the resources 21 recorded as harvested within the Jackpine Mine 22 footprint. 23 He's responded to, he was asked to take a 24 number subject to check, and he's responded to 25 that.

1 And he also has responded to Mr. Denstedt's 2 request to confirm whether or not Chief Jim Boucher 3 is the nephew of Annie L'Hommecourt. THE CHAIRMAN: Ms. Biem, we'll mark 4 5 Dr. Carver's letter to the Panel of November 15th, 6 2012 as 006-028. 7 EXHIBIT 006-028: DR. CARVER'S LETTER TO THE 8 9 PANEL DATED NOVEMBER 15, 2012 10 11 THE CHAIRMAN: And we'll mark the other 12 document by Dr. Candler as 006-029. Thank you. 13 14 EXHIBIT 006-029: DR. CANDLER'S RESPONSE TO 15 UNDERTAKING 16 17 MS. BIEM: Thank you. 18 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Denstedt, would you like 19 to proceed with your rebuttal evidence. 20 21 REBUTTAL EVIDENCE BY SHELL CANADA: 22 JASON PLAMONDON (SWORN) 23 JERRY VANDENBERG (AFFIRMED) 24 LINDA JEFFERSON (AFFIRMED) 25 WAYNE SPELLER (SWORN)

1 JOHN BROADHURST (SWORN) 2 Thank you. 3 MR. DENSTEDT: Yes. Mr. Chairman, I believe the witnesses have been 4 5 I must admit, it's been 12 years since I re-sworn. put a rebuttal panel up, so I wasn't sure if I 6 7 needed to or not. It's good to err on the side of discretion. 8 9 We have brief rebuttal this morning from Mr. Plamondon and from Ms. Jefferson and from 10 11 Mr. Vandenberg. The panel, I think, is already 12 known to everyone, so I won't bother introducing 13 them and just get right on with it. 14 15 EXAMINATION IN CHIEF BY MR. DENSTEDT: 16 Q. I would first turn to Mr. Plamondon and ask him a 17 couple of questions. Mr. Plamondon, you were present for 18 19 Ms. Celina Malcolm's testimony where she suggested 20 that you were disrespectful to her in your 21 consultation with her and also towards other 22 Aboriginal people. And I'd ask you to respond to 23 that, sir? 24 Α. MR. PLAMONDON: Yes, thank you. 25 Panel, I would just like to start by saying I 1 was surprised and extremely disappointed by the comments that I heard from Ms. Malcolm in which she 2 3 suggested I was disrespectful to her and to other Aboriginal people.

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5 I take my role with Shell very seriously. 6 And I took this role beginning in 2004 after six 7 years with the company as an opportunity to do something that made a difference in the communities 8 9 in which we operate. I've had hundreds of engagements since then with non-Aboriginals and 10 11 Aboriginal peoples and I can tell you that the most 12 memorable of those engagements are those in which 13 people are passionate. And I remember this 14 engagement well because Ms. Malcolm was passionate.

15 She was upset about a letter that Shell had 16 written to her brother, Mr. Malcolm, on 17 January 17th, 2011. And in that letter, Shell had discussed its position with respect to the 18 19 inability to fund a third-party technical review of 20 our EIA.

We'd also clarified our position in respect 21 22 of the inability to pay honoraria to Mr. Malcolm as 23 an elected official, as he described himself to 24 Shell as the Chief of the non-status First Nation 25 from Fort McMurray, and Shell's Anti-Bribery and

1 Corruption Policy clearly prohibits payments of honoraria to elected officials. 2 The conversation with Ms. Malcolm on 3 February 28th, 2011 went on and I addressed 4 5 additional concerns that she had in respect of job availability, in respect of the consultation 6 7 process. The engagement that I had with Ms. Malcolm 8 9 completed after we had also discussed her 10 presumption that we would be impacting some 11 gravesites in the mine-site area, but I assured 12 Ms. Malcolm that the area that she described as the 13 Cree Burn Lake area was not within our mine site. 14 I closed the engagement by offering to send 15 Ms. Malcolm a letter in which I summarized our conversation and that letter was sent to 16 17 Ms. Malcolm on March 1st, 2011. 18 And so I would just conclude by expressing to 19 the Panel that I'm very disappointed to hear that 20 she would consider this to be disrespectful. And I 21 completely disagree. In my opinion, I don't think 22 that reflects our engagement. Mr. Plamondon, you're also here for Mr. Malcolm's 23 Q. 24 testimony in which he alleged that Shell had duped 25 him into misunderstanding when the hearing would

1 Do you recall that and can you respond to occur. 2 it, please? 3 Yes, I can respond to those comments as well. Α. First I'd like to address Mr. Malcolm's 4 suggestion that we told him that we would be only 5 6 sharing information with him and that our consultation was information-sharing only with him 7 8 and his group. 9 Shell's letter of January 18th, 2012 clearly confirms our agreement, with a scope of work that 10 11 was put together by Mr. Malcolm's consultant, in 12 which we agreed to a phased approach to 13 consultation, which included an Open House with him and his members in which we would describe the 14 15 Project and have discussion around concerns. 16 And a second phase of that consultation which 17 would involve a follow-up meeting with select 18 representatives from his community, including 19 Elders, consultants, experts, in which we could 20 discuss his concerns with the Project specifically. 21 With respect to his comments that we duped 22 him on the date of the hearing, Shell's always made 23 it clear to Mr. Malcolm that we were looking for an 24 early hearing date, as early as possible. 25 Mr. Malcolm understands the process in which the

hearing dates are set, as he's been involved in these processes for some number of years now, as described in his testimony. And Shell notified Mr. Malcolm of its May 15th, 2012 submission and provided a copy on May 23rd, 2012. And in that submission, it clearly identified Shell's request for an October 2012 hearing.

8 With respect to Mr. Malcolm's suggestion that 9 we agreed to take the summer off from consultation, that as well is not accurate. On May 31st, 2012, 10 11 Mr. Malcolm contacted Shell and advised us that he 12 would be pursuing membership for himself and his 13 members with the Fort McMurray First Nation. We didn't hear back from Mr. Malcolm after that until 14 15 September 17th, 2012, at which time he informed us 16 he was no longer seeking membership for his members 17 with Fort McMurray 468.

He also notified that his facilitator was no 18 19 longer working with him and would not be able to 20 facilitate the Open House that we'd agreed upon in 21 January of 2012. And at that time, Mr. Malcolm 22 also requested that Shell coordinate an Open House 23 for his members within 30 days. Shell responded by 24 saying that wouldn't be possible because of the 25 timing restraint, but that we would be happy to

1 meet with him prior to the hearing and after the 2 hearing about the Project. With respect to the comments from Mr. Malcolm 3 that we would be only talking about PRM, that as 4 5 well is not accurate. Shell sent Mr. Malcolm a 6 letter on October 26th, 2012, and noted our 7 willingness to continue consultation after the hearing, including this Project, Jackpine Mine 8 9 Expansion, and the Pierre River Mine project. Thanks, Mr. Plamondon. 10 Q. 11 Now, Ms. Jefferson, if I could turn to you. 12 You were here for the testimony of the MNA and Métis Local 125 and 1935? 13 14 Α. MS. JEFFERSON: T was. 15 And you would have heard Mr. Fortna's testimony and Ο. 16 his assertions of lack of meaningful engagement 17 with the MNA 1935 and Local 125 by Shell, and can you respond to that? 18 19 Yes, I did, and I would like to respond to that. Α. 20 So first I have to admit that I was really 21 surprised to hear Mr. Fortna's characterization of 22 our consultation with Métis Locals 125 and 1935, 23 particularly given Mr. Fortna participated in some 24 of this. We've had dozens of meetings with both of 25

these Métis Locals, including workshops and Open Houses, some of this actually pre-dated the projects. The consultation record for the Project is extensive and our Consultation Logs have been filed as Exhibit 001-006A, 001-057, and 001-061, which Mr. Fortna in his testimony admitted he has not reviewed in detail.

8 In particular, I'd like to respond to 9 Mr. Fortna's account of our December 6th, 2008 10 meeting with the Métis Local 1935 Elders, which he 11 has characterized as lacking substance and not 12 being meaningful consultation.

13 I'd also like to respond to Mr. Fortna's and 14 Mr. Loutitt's characterization of the mining 15 activity we had at that meeting with the Elders, 16 which I think may have left the Panel and others 17 with the impression that Shell was disrespectful to the Elders and that we treated consultation like 18 19 child's play. And quite frankly that simply is not 20 the truth. So I would like to relay some of the 21 facts around this meeting.

22 So the December 6th, 2008 meeting was the 23 second of two meetings we had with the Métis Local 24 1935, the first was on November 13th, 2008. And 25 the plan for these meetings actually developed out of several meetings that we had had with a Métis
 Local 1935. I was at those meetings. Celina Doyle
 from Shell was at those meetings. And we met with
 Mr. Brian Fayant who was then the Executive
 Director of the Local.

6 And so there were a couple of key things I 7 would note coming out of that:

8 One, Mr. Fayant had asked for a facilitator 9 to help him plan the meeting, so Shell provided 10 Will Kachur (phonetic), who was a Shell employee, a 11 professional facilitator, to work with Mr. Fayant 12 so that the planning for the December 8th, 2008 13 meeting would go as he had hoped;

14 The other thing that we were requested by 15 Brian on behalf of the Local was to come up with an 16 activity that we could do, something interactive, 17 to accomplish two purposes, one was to help build the relationship between Shell and the Elders, and 18 19 the other, to have an educational component to help 20 the Elders better understand mining activity and 21 what was involved, in a fun and, you know, informal 22 way.

And so Mr. Fortna has asserted that, you know, the meeting on December 6th, 2008 lacked substance. And with all due respect, he's wrong.

1 We sent senior people to this meeting. People who 2 could make decisions, people who had the knowledge 3 and the experience to explain our plans and to 4 respond to questions. I was at the meeting. So were several of the panel members, including 5 6 Mr. John Broadhurst, who is the chair of our Shell 7 panel and our vice-president of development in 8 heavy oil; Bill Kovach, who was our EIA coordinator 9 and who was on the panel; Jeff Roberts, who at the time was our mine development manager, he's on the 10 11 panel. John Rind was also there. At the time, 12 John Rind was the general manager of the mine. 13 He's now our vice-president of operations for heavy 14 oil in Shell. Andy Carter was there. Andy at the 15 time was our mine operations manager. And we had 16 several other Shell reps at the meeting.

17 So we took the meeting very seriously. We 18 brought senior people who could respond, and this 19 meeting was very meaningful in our eyes.

In terms of who was there from Métis 1935, in addition to Mr. Fortna and Mr. Loutitt, Mr. William Castor and his late wife, well, now late wife Gertie, they were both at the meeting. Contrary to what Mr. Fortna has indicated that we haven't engaged in dialogue with Mr. Castor. Mr. James

1 Dragon was there, the president of Métis Local 2 Brian Fayant the Executive Director of the 1935. 3 Métis Local was there. And there were many other Métis Local 1935 Elders and members. 4 5 So, again, I can assure you, this meeting was 6 meaningful. 7 I also believe, you know, it wasn't just 8 Shell who thought the meeting was meaningful, the 9 feedback we received at the time from the Métis Local and from Bryant is that they also believed 10 11 that the meeting was meaningful, and it had 12 accomplished the objectives that we had set out 13 together. 14 So in terms of the meeting, we provided 15 several materials, including a copy of a 16 presentation that we delivered, the Public 17 Disclosure Document, copies of Project DVDs. We had display boards for viewing. 18 19 In terms of how the meeting went, James 20 Dragon and I opened the meeting together and we 21 explained what the purpose of the meeting was, 22 which was for Shell to provide Project information 23 and for the Elders to ask questions and for us to 24 talk. 25 Then we delivered the presentation on the

1 projects and responded to questions as they arose 2 during the delivery of the presentation. Jeff 3 Roberts explained our long-term growth plans, our corporate structure, our JV partners. He talked 4 about the regulatory process, the timelines, the 5 6 opportunities for public input. He provided an 7 overview of our mining operations, the Jackpine 8 Mine Phase I. He went through the Project 9 description for both the Jackpine Mine Expansion and Pierre River Mine projects. Then Bill talked 10 11 about the EIA process and EIA methods and he went 12 through air, water, fish, health, plants, wildlife. 13 He ran through all of the more biophysical 14 elements. 15 Susan Whitley, who was co-ordinating the SEIA

15 Susan Whitley, who was co-ordinating the SEIA 16 at the time, talked about socio-economic issues 17 such as labour force, infrastructure, 18 transportation, housing, business development,

19 employment, traditional land use. We talked about 20 trappers.

21And I ran through our Good Neighbour22Policies.

And throughout the presentation, we received questions, we answered questions. One of the issues that came up during the presentation was identified, the Métis identified a need for
Traditional Land Use Studies. And what we agreed
at the meeting was that we would take this back at
our next meeting with Brian in January and talk
about how we would support Métis Local 1935 under
our Good Neighbour Agreement in doing Traditional
Land Use Studies.

And ultimately what this ended up with was 8 9 agreement with the Local that the best way for Shell to support their desire for traditional land 10 11 use studies was through contributing to the Mark of 12 the Métis study, which we did, we were a major 13 supporter of the Mark of the Métis study. We 14 supported over four years, not only funding under 15 our Good Neighbour Agreement tagged for that study, 16 but also we provided support from Shell people and 17 resources and time from Shell.

18 So after we went through the presentation and 19 the Q&As with that, we got into the group activity. 20 And basically this activity involved using oil 21 sands materials and water in an activity that was 22 really designed to show how an oil sands mine plan 23 is advanced and how you build some of the 24 infrastructure, such as dykes and tailings ponds, 25 and to illustrate and facilitate understanding of

1 some of the key issues there are in oil sands 2 mining, such as water management. 3 So our mine managers were there participating with the Elders in the activity, and we thought it 4 5 went really well. It generated lots of good 6 discussion. John and I were talking about this, 7 and John was there, and we distinctly recall, there 8 was lots of good discussion. The activity, the 9 Elders had great questions. We were able to, you know, in a fun and informal way, provide answers on 10 11 how we do oil sand mining, some of the issues, some 12 of the challenges. 13 So, really, we believed the activity was 14 successful and that it accomplished the objectives 15 that the Local was seeking. 16 So after the meeting, we did provide a 17 detailed response to Métis Local 1935. It was a letter from me to Mr. James Dragon dated 18 19 April 20th, 2009. And in this letter, we wrote 20 down, we identified all of the questions that had 21 been brought up in both the November and the 22 December meetings. There were 44 questions and we 23 identified each one of those and provided a written 24 response. 25 So some of the questions were about Shell,

our joint venture partners, our operations, our
 growth plans, our leases, some of our neighbouring
 industry, questions around things like dyke height,
 seepage, the Project description, Compensation
 Lake.

6 They had questions about Métis participation 7 in CEMA. There was a question about would Shell 8 make a presentation at the Father Mercredi school. 9 Questions on employment, health benefits, education 10 requirements, apprenticeship programs.

11 Questions on the environment, on land, fish 12 and wildlife, report, reclamation. Questions 13 around fish consumption from the Athabasca River 14 and methylmercury contamination of fish. There 15 were some questions around observed changes in 16 rabbit populations, which would be snowshoe hare. 17 There were some questions around reclamation. 18 There was a question on water use, you know, 19 surface and groundwater. And there were some 20 questions related to culture and land use, so 21 questions around archeology, trappers and Métis 22 land us, the Métis Local Use Study. 23 So we responded to all of these questions in

23 So we responded to all of these questions in 24 writing and we also provided, appended some 25 additional detail, one was our Good Neighbour

Policy, another was a detailed response to their questions around fish and methylmercury in the Athabasca. And then we also attached a map showing the location of the Aurora site to Shell's operations.

6 So I can't speak to what Mr. Fortna's 7 definition is, but I believe that this would be 8 considered meaningful consultation by most 9 standards.

Just one final note on that is that we had 10 11 another Open House and workshop with the Métis 12 Elders in May 2009, May 20th, 2009. And prior to 13 this meeting, Métis Local 1935 asked us would we 14 provide copies of this written response so they 15 could hand them out to the Elders, so we 16 hand-delivered that to their office in advance of 17 that May 2009 Open House.

But I'm not going to dive into the details of that May 2009 Open House, but just would like to note that Mr. William Castor was also at that Open House, contrary to Mr. Fortna's assertion that we haven't talked to Mr. Castor.

And I think it's also important to note that we also had a similar Open House and engagement with Métis Local 125 up in Fort Chipewyan on April 21st, 2009. We had an Open House. And prior to the Open House, we met with members of the 125 Board, along with ACFN and MCFN on the Project.

4 So I think there's one other example of consultation with the Métis Locals I would like to 5 6 highlight, one that Mr. Fortna was directly 7 involved in on behalf of 1935. And that's the consultation we've done in relation to our No Net 8 9 Loss plans, both for the Muskeg River Expansion and for the Jackpine Mine Expansion and Pierre River 10 11 Mine projects. So this would relate to Redclay 12 Lake or the Compensation Lake that we've been 13 talking about.

14 So as part of this consultation, if I looked 15 back through the record, I can see an instance 16 where Mr. Fortna asked us for a copy of our site 17 plan so he could compare this against their traditional land use information and identify which 18 19 Métis 1935 members would be best to engage in the 20 consultation with us. And I can see where we, on 21 the day after that request, provided him with the 22 maps.

On July 23rd, 2009, we had a meeting on the MRME No Net Loss Plan, which included both Métis Locals 125 and 1935, and from Métis Local 125,

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1 Mr. Fraser was there, Mr. Jumbo Fraser, Barb 2 Hermansen was there and Gabe Bourke. From Métis 3 Local 1935, Mr. Fortna was there, Mr. Castor was 4 there, and Mr. Ernie Michael was there. And DFO 5 was also there. And at this meeting, we provided 6 an overview of our plans and responded to 7 questions.

8 In September 2009, we then invited both the 9 Métis Locals to engage in consultation on No Net Loss plans for the Project, Jackpine Mine 10 11 Expansion, Pierre River Mine. And we indicated 12 that we would provide honoraria for the Elders to 13 participate in the consultation. We would cover 14 travel expenses and meeting costs. And this is all 15 set out in e-mails between us and the Locals.

16There were three specific meetings on this No17Net Loss consultation. The first was on18November 20th, 2009. And there were two in 2011,19one on February 17th and one on July 12th.

20 So I'm not going to go through the details of 21 all of this consultation, but I believe we have 22 consulted the Métis. We've met, we've explained 23 our plans, we've listened to concerns, we've 24 received the feedback, we've responded, we've 25 passed on information that we've gathered through

1 the consultation to our EIA and SEIA teams and 2 they've considered this in the assessment. We've 3 provided notes and summaries of the consultation back to the Locals. 4 5 So I believe we've consulted. So, Ms. Jefferson, Mr. Fortna also suggested to the 6 Q. 7 Panel that Shell has no understanding of the Métis 8 issues. Can you respond to that as well? 9 Yes, I would like to respond to that. I strongly Α. 10 disagree with Mr. Fortna's assertion here. And I 11 think that's clearly demonstrated from some of the 12 examples I just gave you. 13 So I'd also like to set the record straight 14 on Mr. Fortna's statement from the transcript on I 15 think it was November 14th, on Tuesday. And if I 16 go back and I look at that, he had said, he went 17 back to Ms. Jefferson's response to Mr. Les Cooke when asked what the concerns were of the Métis, and 18 19 I couldn't produce one substantive concern. And he 20 felt that there was something that should worry the 21 Panel, right. And because the Métis do have 22 concerns. And he believed that Shell didn't 23 understand what those concerns were. And so quite frankly, I would just like to 24 25 say that Mr. Fortna is wrong. I've reviewed my

1 testimony during the transcript that Mr. Fortna had 2 referenced, and specifically it was Mr. Bolton who 3 had asked me the question, not Mr. Cooke, and the 4 question, when I looked at the question, the question was, you know, could I provide a couple of 5 6 concerns that Shell had been unable to address with 7 the MNA Region 1 and the two Métis Locals and I 8 provided a response to that. And my response was 9 that most of the issues that had been raised that hadn't been addressed to their satisfaction related 10 11 to capacity, funding for consultation, and the lack 12 of Métis consultation guidelines. I also stated 13 that there hadn't been a lot of project-specific 14 concerns raised, but where they had been raised, we 15 had addressed them and they had been responded to 16 and we had considered them in the assessment. So, Ms. Jefferson, you also just raised the issue 17 Q. of capacity, which Mr. Fortna suggested to the 18 19 Panel was the root cause of Shell's failure to 20 consult. Can you address that as well? 21 So since 2007, we've either paid or Α. Sure. 22 committed to over \$700,000 to support Métis Locals 23 125 and 1935. We've covered the costs as well of 24 consultation meetings. We've paid honorarias to 25 Elders for their participation and consultation at

the rate of \$300 a day. We have had Good Neighbour Agreements with both the Métis Locals for Métis, and under these, we provide funding to cover their costs, to help them with capacity buildings, and support initiatives that they bring forward and that are important to them and their members.

So for Métis Local 125, since 2009, we've
paid or committed to pay over \$260,000. And that
includes \$40,000 for Traditional Land Use Study.
And that's being responsive to what they asked us
for.

For Métis Local 1935, from 2007 to present, we have paid roughly \$441,000. And out of that, almost \$111,000 was marked for the *Mark of the Métis* study.

16 So I know this is not the funding that 17 Mr. Fortna and the Métis Nation Region 1 are referring to in terms of core consultation capacity 18 19 funding, but it is funding that is responsive to 20 what the two Locals have indicated to us, at least 21 up until recently. We've responded to what they've 22 It's substantive. It's meaningful. asked for. 23 It's responsive. It's provided them resources. So 24 that they can work on things that are important to 25 them. Some of the funding I know they put towards

1 governance, developing governments issues. Sorry, 2 I'm sort of stumbling on my words here. Anyway, 3 they were doing some work on governance. It helped defray some of their office and administration 4 5 overhead. I know that they put it towards projects, training, that was important to them in 6 7 the community, youth and Elders initiatives. So I do believe that the funding we've 8 9 provided has been substantive and responsive to the 10 needs. 11 Q. Thanks, Ms. Jefferson. 12 Mr. Vandenberg, I think you have a 13 presentation in response to Dr. Schindler's testimony, presentation and critique. If you would 14 15 just proceed with that, sir. 16 Α. MR. VANDENBERG: Thank you. And thank 17 you, Panel, for the opportunity to come back and 18 speak today. 19 I'm going to be speaking to Dr. Schindler's 20 critique, which he submitted as a review of the 21 EIA, as well as some of the testimony he provided

22 here last week.

I'm going focus on five main sections, shown
on this slide, and I'll start with the section on
acid rain.

1 There were two broad themes to 2 Dr. Schindler's critique and testimony. The first was in reference to the EIA. I felt that the 3 statements that he made about the EIA were 4 inaccurate; particularly the statement shown on the 5 6 slide, it's concluded that 23 lakes in the area 7 already suffer from deposition of acidifying 8 sulphur and nitrogen emissions, or sorry, nitrogen 9 compounds. It's pretty clear from our EIA that 18 of the 10 11 lakes we assessed as being acidified in the Pre-Industrial Case, three additional lakes in the 12 13 Base Case, two more in the Planned Development 14 Case, and zero in the Project case. 15 Furthermore, the exceedance of a critical 16 load does not necessarily indicate that the lake is

17 "suffering." The exceedance of a critical load indicates that at some point this lake could have a 18 19 change in pH and therefore the lake should be 20 monitored. The exceedance of a critical load 21 through modelling is we feel it's a fairly 22 conservative modelling exercise and it indicates 23 that monitoring should be done as a precautionary measure on that lake. 24

25 That relates to the EIA.

1 He also went into some literature about 2 acidifying emissions in the Oil Sands Region. I'm 3 going to talk to some of the studies that he quoted. But first I'll give a little background on 4 5 those studies. Those were mainly from the Journal 6 of Limnology. The Journal of Limnology did a 7 special issue back in 2010 where they looked at 8 acidifying emissions. They had six articles in the 9 Oil Sands Region specifically looking at whether or 10 not oil sands developments have caused any changes 11 in pH in acid-sensitive lakes in the Oil Sands 12 Region.

From the quotes Dr. Schindler provided, I think it's fairly clear that he was taking quotes out of context trying to make the case that damage has occurred when the authors were fairly clear in their conclusions that that's not the case.

18 And I'll go through some of the studies here19 to talk about that in more detail.

The first one was a quote where he's talking about a study by Whitfield et al, where he states that we didn't read the Whitfield or didn't pay attention to the Whitfield paper in our EIA.

As stated, that's actually true, we didn't take the Whitfield approach. There are a number of

1 approaches that one could use to assess acidifying 2 emissions. The approach we've used is consistent 3 with work by CEMA in the Acid Deposition Management 4 Framework, and it's also recommended in the Alberta 5 EIA Practitioners Guide.

6 We have considered trying to build the work 7 of Whitfield into our studies, but there's a 8 balance there. It requires quite a high level of 9 data and quite a high level of computational power, and, as a result, we would have to reduce the 10 11 number of lakes that we assess. So we have looked 12 at that balance. We've just stuck with the Alberta 13 recommended and the CEMA recommended approach for 14 now.

15 There's another guote that's in here. This 16 is from a paper by McLinden in a journal this year. 17 I've just provided some context here from the 18 McLinden study. In the McLinden study, they 19 specifically mentioned that some context needs to 20 be put to these numbers that were put forward in 21 their abstract. So I've provided the context that 22 McLinden felt necessary to provide with their 23 numbers and I won't say anymore about that study. 24 Another study that was not mentioned in 25 Dr. Schindler's critique, this comes from the same

special issue in that journal, was by Wieder et al. This was a pretty interesting study. They looked at the deposition of NNS compounds. They used a variety of different chemical and biological methods. They looked at moss and they looked at some chemical exchange resins. Their findings were pretty clear, they don't see a problem at present with acidifying emissions in the Oil Sands Region.

9 Another one is Curtis et al. This is also a 10 pretty interesting study. I know some of you might 11 remember seeing some quotes from this back at the 12 Total hearing two years ago. There was some back 13 and forth over this specific study.

14 Curtis et al did find one lake that was being 15 acidified. There was some discussion in that paper about possibly that the acidification had started 16 17 in the 19th century and they felt that a rapid increase in pH decline was consistent with oil 18 19 sands emissions. And so that was one of their findings, although they did state that, overall, 20 21 they did not feel the oil sands developments were 22 causing major changes to acidification in the 23 region.

I should also note that the lake that theyspecified, had changed in pH. And this is based on

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some sediment-core samples that they used to infer changes in pH. That specific lake is in our EIA. We also assumed that that lake has been acidified. We refer to that as "Lake 150" and it's in Appendix 3.2 of our May 2012 submission. So the study is actually consistent with our EIA.

7 Another study, by Whitfield et al, this is 8 also another interesting study because there was 9 some back and forth within this special issue. Whitfield disagreed with Curtis, so it was one 10 11 group of scientists disagreeing with another group 12 of scientists. Whitfield used modelling approach 13 and they agreed that Lake NE7 had been acidified, 14 but the Whitfield study indicated that if it had 15 been acidified, it was not due to oil sands 16 emissions, so that was their conclusion.

17This study was not mentioned in18Dr. Schindler's critique.

19Another study that he mentioned was the20Parsons et al. This was a macro-benthos study, so21they were looking at insects in a range of lakes.22They looked at 32 lakes, five of which are in the23high deposition zone of the oil sands developments.24They did find differences in the lakes, but25they were clear in their conclusions that they did

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1	not feel the differences were due to oil sands
2	developments.
3	Finally, the sixth paper, which refers back
4	to the other five, was written by the editors of
5	that journal, so these are the folks who are
6	essentially responsible for putting that journal
7	together.
8	They were pretty clear in their conclusion.
9	And I'm going to read that one. It's:
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11	"The assessment of lakes in
12	northern Alberta using macro
13	invertebrate, paleolimnological and
14	hydrogeochemical modelling
15	approaches suggest that industrial
16	activities associated with the oil
17	sands presently have limited
18	influence on lake acidification."
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20	And, for that conclusion, they refer back to
21	the five studies that I've mentioned.
22	Again, this was not mentioned in
23	Dr. Schindler's critique.
24	And finally, on the acid rain issue,
25	Dr. Schindler showed some graphs from 1990 that

1 showed a change in pH during what we call spring 2 pulse. These graphs were from the 1990s. I won't 3 dispute whether or not there was a change in pH. But those studies were, or sorry, those graphs did 4 actually prompt specific studies by Alberta 5 6 Environment by Western Resource Solutions. We've 7 referred to those studies by Western Resource 8 Solutions both in our Environmental Setting Report 9 and our EIA.

As well, the graphs pre-date a lot of the emissions controls that happened in the '90s, so the relevance to this Project, to me, is somewhat unclear.

Moving on, I'm going to speak a bit about theMuskeg River and its biodiversity.

Dr. Schindler stated in his critique that the Muskeg River biological health had already been severely damaged by 2005. And he stated that we ignored some of the macro-invert work that was done by Barton and Wallace back in 1979. So that came up in his testimony as well as in his critique.

He referred to this slide, which shows our aquatics modelling nodes. These are not actually the study sites for our biological indicators. So it's not clear to me what he was trying to say

1 about that, but those are not the nodes that we 2 used in our assessment of biodiversity. 3 The nodes we actually used are shown here. The red lines indicate RAMP data. And the circle 4 point is the site that was added specifically for 5 6 this study. That site is called S24 and it was added to the environmental settings studies to 7 8 understand the macro-invert communities in the 9 Project area. Dr. Schindler didn't include the RAMP data in 10 11 his assessment. But what those RAMP data show 12 are -- sorry, and we did include the RAMP data in 13 our assessment. What the data show is that the 14 species he referred to, the ephemeroptera, 15 plecoptera and trichoptera. I'll just call them 16 EPT species. That's how they are referred to in 17 these studies, if that's okay. The EPT studies, which he said we didn't 18 19 consider, were actually considered in the EIA and 20 the Environmental Setting Report. And he did claim 21 that these were entirely wiped out. Quoting, you 22 know, catastrophic decline, he said there were 23 100 percent declines in some of these taxa. The 24 data I'm presenting on this slide, which I think is 25 already an exhibit, are pretty clear that that's

1 not true, they have not been wiped out in the 2 Muskeq River. And furthermore, the study sites in the study 3 sample methods that were used by the Barton and 4 5 Wallace are not comparable to what RAMP does and 6 what we've done in the EIA. So they do, you know, 7 all contribute to the body of knowledge, but they 8 are not directly comparable on a, you know, this 9 site and this date versus this site and this date. You wouldn't expect to see the same number of EPT 10 11 species at either of these sites on different 12 times; it's apples to oranges. 13 Referring to his testimony, he was speaking 14 with Syncrude's counsel about why he disagreed with 15 the EIA. He said: 16 17 "I think the best evidence 18 for that is from the fish. Thev 19 report that there were never 20 grayling in the upper reaches of 21 that river." 22 23 Well, he was referring to the Bond and 24 Machniak study which actually specifically said

grayling were never observed in the Muskeg River

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upstream of Hartley Creek. Hartley Creek being another name for Jackpine Creek.

And I'd refer you back to some testimony between Kasey Clipperton and John Malcolm for whether or not grayling have increased or decreased, or what the reasons are for that, that's not my of expertise. But I just want to clarify that, that, you know, our EIA is consistent with the Bond and Machniak findings from the late '70s.

Again in this slide, Dr. Schindler was 10 11 taking, you know, a snapshot in time from one 12 sample location using biological indicators 13 comparing to another snapshot in time from a 14 different site using different study methods to 15 point to, you know, "A catastrophic decline," and 16 again, it's just not appropriate. He's also again 17 ignored the RAMP data, which we've included in the The reasons for ignoring RAMP, I guess, I 18 EIA. 19 won't speculate on why, but I will say that with 20 all the different reviews of RAMP, and all the 21 different criticisms there may be, when RAMP has 22 gone out and measured something and reported that 23 in their tables, it's pretty, you know, it is 24 reliable that what they measured on that day was 25 actually representative of what was there on that

1 day regardless of whether or not they've met their 2 objectives or, you know, some of the criticisms 3 about studies do not apply to the fact that when they measure something and report it in a table 4 5 that that's what was there on that day. 6 I'm going to move on to the section on PAHs. 7 MR. DENSTEDT: Mr. Chairman, maybe I'll mark 8 a couple of exhibits, make good use of our time. 9 Mr. Vandenberg's presentation was given a pre-filed number, and I think it was 001-112. 10 11 12 EXHIBIT 001-112: MR. VANDENBERG'S REBUTTAL 13 EVIDENCE PRESENTATION 14 15 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. 16 MR. DENSTEDT: And Shell has provided a 17 letter for filing which pulls together the commitments Shell has made on the record in the 18 19 oral part of the hearing just for the convenience 20 of the Panel, and that's been assigned 001-113. 21 22 EXHIBIT 001-113: SHELL'S LETTER FOR FILING WHICH 23 PULLS TOGETHER THE COMMITMENTS SHELL HAS MADE ON

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1 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. 2 MR. DENSTEDT: And we should probably mark 3 the letter that Ms. Jefferson referred to, which was April 20th, 2009, a copy of that was provided 4 5 to Ms. Bishop on Wednesday, so she has that 6 document. 7 THE CHAIRMAN: 114. 8 9 EXHIBIT 001-114: LETTER DATED APRIL 20, 2009 10 FROM MS. LINDA JEFFERSON TO MR. JAMES DRAGON 11 12 MR. DENSTEDT: Thank you. 13 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. 14 MR. DENSTEDT: Mr. Chairman, again, if it's 15 of any use, we have paper copies of the presentation and we could keep going if that's 16 17 useful. THE CHAIRMAN: Let's do that. 18 19 Mr. Vandenberg, what page are we on? 20 Α. MR. VANDENBERG: Page 19. 21 THE CHAIRMAN: Go ahead. 22 Α. MR. VANDENBERG: Okay, so I'm referring to my 23 slides, slide 19. So I'm going to refer to the 24 section on PAHs. 25 So in the EIA, we looked at PAHs using -- we

1 looked at PAH transport through four different 2 pathways. We looked at PAH deposit into our --3 sorry, PAH discharge into our water models. Those were included in all of our models from all of the 4 likely sources of PAHs that could affect water 5 6 directly. We looked at human and wildlife effects 7 due to direct deposition on soil and vegetation. We looked at aerial deposition modelling and 8 9 deposition in the Lower Athabasca River and the delta sediments. 10

11 So the first two were not a matter of dispute 12 in Dr. Schindler's critique or testimony, so I'll 13 leave the record, sorry, leave those as they are.

14 But I'm going to talk in some detail about 15 the third and fourth. And so first I'll talk about 16 the aerial deposition.

Aerial deposition was addressed in the May 2012 submission, specifically with reference to the papers that Dr. Schindler and Kelly et al had produced in 2009 and 2010. We've done a fairly extensive modelling effort to understand what the effect of aerial deposition on PAHs and metals would be on receiving waterbodies.

24 We've attempted to contact Dr. Schindler 25 several times over the past few years trying to

collaborate and share data in an effort to validate those models. He's basically ignored us.

You know, the lack of response is pretty disappointing, especially considering his emphasis on transparency and data sharing that's evident in a number of his presentations and testimony.

So he's cited a couple of papers for his
critique of the EIA. He cited Kurek and Timoney.
The Kurek paper is, to the best of my knowledge,
unavailable. We couldn't find it. So I can't
comment on whether or not that supports his
criticism of our EIA.

13The Timoney though is kind of interesting.14The Timoney and Lee 2011. The paper is based15entirely on RAMP, so it's a bit unclear to me how16he refers to a paper that's completely reliant on17RAMP data to argue against the EIA when he's also18saying that our EIA is deficient because we rely on19RAMP data.

20 That was discussed a bit in the response to 21 the Timoney papers by the Royal Society that we've 22 submitted as evidence.

23 Sorry, I'm going on to Slide 20. So I'm 24 going to speak now to the paper by Hall et al that 25 we submitted on October 15th.

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1 The Hall paper was based on multiple lines of 2 It was quite powerful science, I would evidence. 3 say, because it draws together a number of independent lines of science to reconstruct an 4 5 historical record of both flow and chemistry in the 6 Peace-Athabasca Delta. It relies on the paper by 7 Wolfe et al that we also submitted. It's by the 8 name group of authors. The Wolfe et al study drew 9 together 12 separate lines of evidence using all sorts of biological indicators, chemical indicators 10 11 and physical indicators. And they've reconstructed 12 I believe they called it a "Hydro Ecological 13 History of the Delta." They've also verified their 14 time history using Traditional Ecological 15 Knowledge, air photos, known changes to the delta, climate records, and a number of other, again, 16 17 independent sources of data.

18 So the Hall study, it was a bit of a game 19 changer in the scientific world because, you know, 20 there's been quite a debate over the past five 21 years, particularly since we submitted our EIA. In 22 2007, we relied on a lot of the Northern Rivers 23 Basin Studies and the Northern River Ecosystem 24 Initiative Studies to assess what might be 25 happening to PAHs in the delta.

1 At that time, we wrote in Section 6.5.7 of 2 the EIA that the historical record showed that the 3 majority of PAHs being deposited in the delta were of natural origin, and that mainly came from the 4 Northern Rivers Basin Studies. 5 Since that time, there were the studies by Kelly et al. and Timoney 6 7 and Lee that disputed those findings over the past 8 couple of years, and now the Hall kind of disputes 9 those findings, and it confirms what we had originally said in 2007. 10

And it confirms that, on a number of accounts, it confirms that the PAHs have not been increasing since the '50s, or the deposition rate of PAHs in the delta has not been increasing since the '50s. And it confirms that the majority of the PAHs that are being deposited are of natural origin.

Now, in Dr. Schindler's testimony, he more or less dismissed that study out of hand and said it was trumped by the federal studies that we heard about yesterday or the day before.

Now, that was pretty surprising to me because, number one, I'm not really sure what it means to trump one study or another, but let's assume it means discredit or overrule or something. 1I'm not really sure how the Hall study could be2thought of as being trumped by, you know, an3abstract that's published in a SETAC conference4that's not even really on the same topic and that5the responsible organization for that paper calls6"not vetted, preliminary, and early findings," so I7won't say any more about that.

8 But I'll move on to mercury on my last slide. 9 So there were a few papers, key papers that Dr. Schindler referred to. The first was the Evans 10 11 and Talbot paper. I've got some quotes on this 12 slide. Frankly, I just don't see how he came up 13 with the conclusion that he put in that critique 14 when the Evans study showed statistically 15 significant decreases in mercury in fish tissue 16 near the oil sands in the Athabasca Region and in 17 the delta.

He also referred to a Reid et al study. 18 That 19 was Reid et al 2007. It was an interesting study 20 where they've applied mercury to the entire 21 watershed and they've measured changes in mercury 22 concentrations in the receiving lake. And they 23 measured an increase in mercury in the water 24 sediment in fish. And so that was on 25 Dr. Schindler's slide. I certainly wouldn't

dispute that, in fact I would say that's sort of an
 expected finding.

But the key finding that Dr. Schindler didn't mention, was that the Reid et al study showed that 99 percent or more of the mercury they applied was actually retained in the watershed and never reached the receptors.

8 And a comparison to our modelling assumptions 9 would show that our models are highly conservative 10 in that regard because we assumed that almost all 11 of the metals that land on the landscape do get 12 washed into rivers.

13THE CHAIRMAN:Excuse me, did you say that14the key finding that Dr. Schindler didn't mention15was that the study showed that "9" percent or more16of the mercury was retained?

A. MR. VANDENBERG: "99". Well, to put it
the other way, to put it in their own words, they
quoted less than 1.0 percent of the mercury as
being transported into the water or other media
that they measured.

22 So what that indicates is the modelling study 23 that we've developed in response to the 24 Kelly et al. papers is at this point highly 25 conservative. We have highlighted in that Appendix that we feel there is fairly high uncertainty around that model. We do think it's conservative, and we're hoping to validate that as soon as we can get some data, either from the Federal or the Provincial or the Kelly et al. studies, there are three studies that we've been actively trying to get the data for.

8 Couple more points on the mercury. Actually, 9 I'll just skip right to the end.

10 So Panel, I apologize if this has turned into 11 a bit of a he-said she-said argument. I certainly 12 don't want to make your lives more difficult by 13 having to decide who is right and who is wrong in 14 these matters.

15 I guess, if I could, I would encourage you to 16 go look at three of the papers that I think are 17 pretty pivotal to this discussion. That would be the Aherne and Shaw paper, the Evans and Talbot 18 19 paper, and the Hall et al paper. And I guess just 20 judge for yourselves whether or not those papers 21 are indicating whether the oil sands are presently 22 adversely affecting the environment. 23 That's all I have. 24 MR. DENSTEDT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

25 This panel is now available for cross-examination

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4	CROS	S-EXAMINATION ON REBUTTAL EVIDENCE OF SHELL CANADA,				
5		BY OSEC, BY MS. BUSS:				
6	MS. 1	BUSS: Yes, I understand that one or				
7		two of my friends might have questions, but they				
8		kindly agreed to let me go first.				
9	Q.	Now, it's Mr. Vandenberg; correct?				
10	Α.	MR. VANDENBERG: Correct.				
11	Q.	I think I was calling you "doctor" the last time				
12		you were up there, but that was an error.				
13	Α.	I don't recall one way or the other.				
14	Q.	Now, with respect to Slide 4 sorry, that was				
15		Slide 3, you state that Dr. Schindler				
16		misrepresented Appendix 3.2.				
17		Now, isn't it true that that Appendix, and				
18		specifically Table 6.2-1 on PDF page 131, shows				
19		that at present, 21 lakes are receiving deposition				
20		greater than their background levels?				
21	Α.	As I indicated, the modelling that's done is				
22		forecasting the Base Case. It does forecast that				
23		under a fully-developed condition, 21 lakes will				
24		receive load, potential acid input loads that do				
25		exceed critical loads, yes.				

1 So what it indicates, sorry, I'll clarify 2 that a bit further, it indicates at some point in 3 time these lakes might receive acid that exceeds their critical loads and these lakes should be 4 monitored to verify whether any changes occur. 5 6 Where the misrepresentation comes from is I 7 don't think anywhere in there it indicates that 8 these lakes are suffering. 9 And to be fair, the Base Case isn't the same as Q. current, right, because it includes some projects 10 11 that -- it's based on modelling, not measurements; 12 correct? 13 Correct, the Base Case is a fully-developed future Α. 14 scenario. 15 Now I'd like to refer you to Slide 5, page 5. Q. And 16 this is a reference to the McLinden article. Now, 17 that study was looking at satellite imagery to reveal, to see what it revealed about how much 18 19 sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxide was in the 20 airshed above the Oil Sands Region; is that an 21 accurate description? 22 Yes. Α. And the guote that Dr. Schindler used in his 23 Q. 24 report, you don't dispute that that was an accurate

25 restatement of exactly what the article said in

1 that paragraph? 2 Well, there is a typo in there, but the 3.5 percent Α. 3 is inaccurate, that's actually error balance, but I don't dispute the general quote by Dr. Schindler. 4 5 Okay. And the McLinden article didn't say that Q. 6 emissions in Edmonton were rapidly increasing; 7 correct? As I've said, the author specifically said that 8 Α. 9 they wanted to provide context to these numbers. I've merely put the context forward as the authors 10 11 intended. I'm not commenting on whether or not --12 I'm interested in some other context, because Q. 13 you've raised the issue of context. Nowhere in 14 that article does it say emissions in Edmonton are 15 increasing at a rapid rate? 16 Α. I don't believe it does, no. And the data that was used, the imagines that were 17 Q. 18 used and analyzed in the McLinden study were for 19 the period 2003 to 2010; correct? 20 Α. MR. SPELLER: I can speak to that. That's 21 correct. And as of 2010, we had half as much bitumen being 22 Q. 23 mined as currently approved; correct? 24 Subject to check, yes. Α. 25 Ο. And the other important context is that the city of

1 Edmonton does not provide habitat for species at 2 risk at present; correct? 3 Α. I don't know if I could speak to its parklands and such, but most of it's been developed over the last 4 5 century. 6 Q. Most of it's covered in cement? 7 Α. Yes. 8 Q. And under the new LARP framework, which is at 9 Exhibit 017-016-S, Mr. Vandenberg, it's still a 10 policy of the Government of Alberta to prevent 11 pollution; correct? That sounds reasonable, but I'm not familiar with Α. 12 that section of the LARP. 13 14 Do you recall that the document says that the Q. 15 provincial policy direction is continuous 16 improvement in Keeping Clean Areas Clean? 17 That sounds familiar, yes. Α. All right. I'd like to turn you to Slide 6, 18 Q. 19 Mr. Vandenberg. That's the reference to the Wieder 20 study. All right? The moss. Now, what happened 21 in that study is Wieder sampled 10 sites for 22 sphagnum moss or peat; correct? 23 MR. VANDENBERG: Sphagnum fuscum. Α. 24 So it was 10 sites and the samples were taken Q. between or studied between 2004 and 2008? 25

1 A. Subject to check, that sounds right.

Q. So when you said that that study showed that there was no impacts at present, at best it was talking about 2008 and not 2012; correct?

A. Correct. At the time of study, when the authors
made that conclusion, that would have been the date
they referred to.

8 Q. And the purpose, I can turn you to the paper, if 9 you'd like, what the authors were concluding was 10 that this was important baseline information with 11 which to monitor the impact of the large expected 12 increase in NO_x and SO_2 . Let me see if I can find 13 that.

14 I can confirm that. That was one of their Α. 15 conclusions. I've listed three other points here 16 on the slide, and that's one of them. I think. 17 But either way, yes, I would agree that they referred to this as being valuable baseline data. 18 19 Because NO, was forecasted by them to increase to Q. 20 approximately 355 tons per day in the region; 21 correct? 22 Sorry, could you help me out with the reference to Α.

Q. Yes, it's on page 162. And it's in the second-last paragraph. Or it starts with:

where in the paper they said that?

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2		"One of the consequences of
3		ongoing development of the oil
4		sands reserve in the Athabasca Oil
5		Sands Region"
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7		Then further on in that paragraph, it says:
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9		"Between 1980 and 1995,
10		activities in the region released
11		nitrogen oxides to the atmosphere
12		at a rate of 36 to 60 tons"
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14		I believe that's per "day."
15		
16		"Estimates for 2010 (and
17		beyond) predict increasing
18		development in the region, with
19		attendant increases in emissions of
20		NO_{x} up to a potential discharge of
21		approximately 355 tons per day."
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23	Α.	Okay, so I would accept that that's what the paper
24		said. I would have a minor dispute that they are
25		not actually predicting an increase, they were

1		accepting that prediction from others, but I would
2		accept that's what the paper says.
3	Q.	That was the context of the paper?
4	Α.	M'mm-hmm.
5	Q.	And if we look at page 168, the authors note that
6		there's some limitations to their study, which is,
7		in the four years that they sampled, were drought
8		years. And they conclude that it's possible that
9		the sphagnum that they studied did not respond,
10		that its responses to nitrates, nitrogen, was only
11		manifest in years that were normal or weather
12		conditions, or cooler weather conditions. That's
13		found at the page 168.
14	Α.	Panel, I don't dispute that there are limitations.
15		I'm not holding this paper up to show that there
16		will never be changes in the Oil Sands Region and
17		that we shouldn't we should forget about this
18		issue or something.
19		I mean, all I'm saying is that this paper
20		found that there were no changes at that point, and
21		that Dr. Schindler didn't discuss that in his
22		critique.
23		So I mean, we can go through this all day,
24		but I'm not sure
25	Q.	Well, you raised the issue of the importance of

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critique; correct?

2 A. Okay.

Q. I mean of context. You would agree with me that it's important to assist the Panel, that if you're a scientist, you want to refer to the papers that have the most validity and shed the most light on a situation; would that be fair?

8 A. That would be fair. And I do believe this is a
9 valid paper and it sheds light on historical
10 conditions.

Q. Some papers have greater importance because of their statistical strength or the breadth of their sampling and other methodology; correct?

A. Yes, and to that point, this is a pretty important
paper, this is a unique line of evidence that shows
what the evidence of the oil sands developments or
the impact that they are presently having.

18 Q. You mean between 2005 and 2008 on particular19 species of moss?

20 A. Yes, at the time of publication, yes, it's pretty21 relevant stuff.

Q. But just generally speaking, you would agree with me that it's important for scientists to filter through all of the mass of papers and focus on ones that are most valid and useful?

1 Α. I would accept that. 2 Now with respect to the Curtis paper that you Ο. reference at page 3, I'm just going to direct you 3 to the abstract. You would agree that Curtis et al 4 5 found that all of the 12 lakes that they studied, 6 all sediment cores show evidence of industrial 7 contamination based on SCPs. I'm not sure what SCPs are, do you know? 8 9 Yeah, it's spheroid carbonaceous particles, I Α. 10 think. 11 Q. But it says that: 12 13 "... there is no clear 14 industrial signal in stable 15 isotopes. Most lakes showed 16 changes in diatom assemblages and 17 sediment C:N ratios consistent with 18 nutrient enrichment over various 19 timescales, with potential drivers 20 including climatic change, forest 21 fires and anthropogenic nitrogen 22 [sources]." 23 24 And it talks about the one lake having strong 25 evidence of impact. And then what I wanted to

1 point out is that the analysis of mercury in the 2 acidified lake showed increasing sediment fluxes over the past 20 years, a possible indication of 3 industrial contamination. 4 5 So in the impacted lake, they did find 6 accumulation of mercury; correct? 7 They did. And then they later went on to indicate Α. 8 that they felt that that was not due to a local 9 source but, rather, to a regional or far-afield 10 source. 11 Q. All right. So the lake could be affected by 12 mercury emissions from stacks, for example, in 13 Edmonton? 14 Α. From anywhere on the planet. 15 Q. But you said regional? I said regional or further afield. 16 Α. Okay. So the conclusion of Curtis was that 17 Q. separating out the relative importance of climate 18 19 change and anthropogenic, meaning that's 20 human-induced, correct, pollution? In causing some 21 of the changes in unacidified lakes requires 22 further study. So, again, this is part of this 23 growing effort to tease out what exactly is going 24 on or what is the fate of the pollution from the 25 oil sands; correct?

1 I agree, and I completely support further studies. Α. 2 All right, would you agree, you've also cited this Q. 3 Talbot paper. Sorry, Parsons I need to go to. Again, this is another paper you refer to at 4 5 Slide 9. Can you just confirm that that paper was 6 based on five lakes sampled during a two-week 7 period in 2006? My understanding is that it was based on five lakes 8 Α. 9 that were near the oil sands and 27 lakes that were further afield which they've referred to as 10 11 "reference lakes." 12 Okay, so the ones that were non-reference or Q. 13 background lakes were five, correct, I mean the non-reference lakes were the five? 14 15 Α. Yes, they called them "test lakes," specifically. 16 Q. And they were sampled in 2006 in August, between 17 August 14th and 28th? I would accept that subject to check. 18 Α. I don't 19 remember the exact dates. 20 Q. Okay. Now, we had a talk about the importance of 21 drawing the Panel's attention to important 22 But I notice that you again refer to research. 23 this Aherne and Shaw document at reference at 24 page 10 of your slide as a study not mentioned in 25 Dr. Schindler's critique.

1 Mr. Vandenberg, Aherne and Shaw was not a 2 study, correct, it was just an editorial, they were 3 the editors just introducing the papers? As I mentioned, they were the editors and they were 4 Α. 5 in a position to put forth the overall conclusions 6 from that entire special issue of the journal. 7 It wasn't a research, it was just a summary and Q. introduction to what was contained in that 8 9 particular edition of the journal; correct? Correct. I apologize if I've sort of implied that 10 Α. 11 it was a separate study. It was a journal article 12 that referenced the other five studies. And it referenced Parsons, Curtis, they referenced 13 Ο. Parson, Curtis and Whitfield, three papers of which 14 15 Dr. Schindler referenced; correct? 16 Α. Correct, and they did point to somewhat contrary 17 findings to what Dr. Schindler had put forth. Well, more with respect to these three papers? Or 18 Q. 19 are you just talking about general conclusions now? 20 Α. I would say that the conclusions of Aherne and Shaw 21 were different from the conclusions of 22 Dr. Schindler. Aherne and Shaw were just summarizing what was in 23 Q. 24 the papers in their journal; correct? 25 Α. Yes, they were the journal editors.

1 Q. And the Whitfield, Parsons and Curtis papers, those were all attached to the OSEC submission in their 2 3 entirety that was submitted to this Panel; correct? 4 Α. Correct. 5 And certainly my clients were, and Dr. Schindler Q. 6 were quite happy to have everybody, including the 7 Panel, read the entire articles and decide for themselves what they said; correct? 8 9 I wouldn't dispute that. Α. Anyway, I just want to put on the record there was 10 Q. 11 no intention to mislead, correct, by putting in the 12 full paper? I can't speak to that. 13 Α. 14 And one thing, speaking of context, there was also Q. 15 in this editorial summary by Aherne and Shaw, and 16 Shaw was one of the, sorry, one of the editors, you 17 didn't point out that they also summarized the fact 18 that the papers in that journal also found that, 19 for forest soils, there was predicted significant 20 exceedances for the Georgia basin and the Athabasca 21 Oil Sands Region suggesting that acid-sensitive 22 soils in both regions are at risk of acidifying. 23 That would be important context if we were looking 24 at soils as well as lakes; correct? 25 Α. I can't really comment, Panel. I don't

1 particularly look at soils. My domain is the 2 aquatic rivers and lakes. 3 And would you agree on the Evans and Talbot paper Q. that their conclusion was that their data was only 4 5 based on five years of data and what they concluded 6 was that an improved monitoring system was required 7 in order to reach more definitive conclusions about 8 mercury trends? 9 I'm going to take that in two parts. Α. 10 The first is the dates. The Evans and Talbot 11 looked at all available data on mercury in the 12 Athabasca Region. Their data went back I believe 13 to about 1980 and close to present-day. I can look up the exact dates if you'd like, but generally 14 15 spanned the last 20 or 30 years. 16 On the second part, I don't dispute that they 17 recommended increased monitoring. I'm sure that's a general recommendation. 18 19 Well, in their conclusion, I realize that they Q. 20 looked back at a bunch of RAMP data, but in terms 21 of the study and the investigation that the authors 22 undertook, they in fact conclude at the last 23 page of the article under conclusion: 24 25 "While we detected a

1 decreasing trend for mercury 2 concentrations in walleye and lake whitefish in the oil sands 3 development area, the 4 5 interpretation of the potential 6 factors influencing these trends is 7 constrained by the fact that the analyses are based on only five 8 9 years of data collected during the 10 expansion of oil sands and limited 11 data before the expansion; 12 analytical methods have changed. 13 Most of the monitoring has been 14 conducted in the Athabasca River 15 where the residence time of water 16 is short and the dilution capacity 17 of tributary inflows immense, and 18 in lakes more than 50 kilometres 19 from the developments. An improved 20 monitoring system is required to 21 reach more definitive conclusions 22 regarding mercury trends in fish 23 with the expansion of the oil sands 24 industry and other changes 25 associated with global warming."

1 2 So this sounds to me like these results were 3 pretty equivocal; would you agree? Yes, I should probably note that those were done by 4 Α. 5 federal scientists and I fully expect that 6 Dr. Evans will be part of the Joint Federal/Alberta 7 Monitoring Program that will be implemented. And I mean, I fully support that type of monitoring. 8 9 Yes, I fully support that. Somehow I missed the Hall paper. Just a moment. 10 Ο. 11 All right, the Hall paper referred to in Slide 10, 12 am I correct that that was based on four sediment 13 samples in the Peace-Athabasca Delta? Yes. So this is based on four different lakes. 14 Α. 15 Each of the lakes has a fairly unique time history. 16 The authors were clear that they do expect to see 17 additional studies to validate that these -- to 18 validate and confirm their findings. Yeah, it is 19 based on four lakes. 20 Q. That doesn't sound like a game changer to me, then, 21 if it's just a minor, a small study that needs to 22 be part of a bigger series? 23 Α. No, I would say, going back to that game changer, 24 that relates mainly to the methods that they've 25 used and the strength in the science. They've tied

1 together many independent scientific lines of evidence to reconstruct this time series. It's a 2 3 unique study. In that regard, it's a game changer. Their findings are not much of a game changer. 4 5 They can confirm what we said in 2007. So I was 6 referring to the strength of the science in this 7 paper. Well, if I look at page 15 of that paper, they 8 Q. 9 discuss what would cause the findings in their 10 sediment samples and they say: 11 12 "As a consequence, it is not 13 possible to distinguish natural 14 hydrological causes of changes in 15 PAC fluxes from those potentially 16 due to erosion and other [sources] 17 by industrial activities because 18 they are confounded in time." 19 20 And then they say: 21 22 "Rather, we contend that..." 23 24 And then they make an argument. So it seems to

me that they conclude that it's still a challenge

1 to tease out what is the difference between the 2 impacts of anthropogenic change versus the natural 3 in the Peace-Athabasca Delta. Is that your interpretation? 4 Α. 5 Yes. Q. 6 Α. Oh, okay. 7 Is that a fair interpretation? Q. I'm not exactly sure what you wanted me to comment 8 Α. 9 on there. Do you have a question? First of all, those authors of Hall et al, 10 Ο. Yes. 11 similar to RAMP and some other investigations, have 12 recognized that it's challenging to sort out what 13 the influence of the oil sands industry is when 14 you've got a bitumen-rich waterway. 15 Α. Absolutely. It's a challenge that goes back decades. 16 And one study does not solve that 17 Q. All right. challenge; correct? 18 19 I would definitely agree that one study does not Α. 20 trump another study. 21 And the Hall study was funded by Suncor; correct? Q. 22 Yeah, the authors were very careful to describe the Α. 23 funding arrangements, and any lack of bias that 24 that might have impinged on the research. That's 25 all on page 1 of this article. The, you know,

1 there's a press conference you can find online where Ronald Hall states that he looked at various 2 3 sources for funding, he went to government and 4 government told him to go get it funded by 5 industry, so that's what he did. Now, in the context of talking about this paper, 6 Q. 7 you referenced the SETAC abstracts, and made a 8 comment something to the effect that these 9 abstracts wouldn't necessarily invalidate or affect the Hall paper. Now, some of those abstracts we 10 11 looked at for the recent work from Environment 12 Canada, some of those were also taking sediment

13 samples; correct?

14 A. They were taking sediment samples from the lakes,15 but not the river.

Q. Right. And is it possible, or you wouldn't know
whether Dr. Schindler had more information about
those particular studies than was in the abstracts?
A. I definitely do not know.

Q. Now finally, Dr. Vandenberg, with respect to the interpretation of these articles that you've been offering the Panel, I just note that you've only published one peer-reviewed journal, one article in a peer-reviewed journal; is that correct?
A. That's correct. Although I would note that I've

1 published peer-reviewed quidance manuals and other 2 documents that have been through rigorous peer 3 review. So your guidance manuals have been part of the work 4 Ο. 5 you've been doing with Golder Consulting to the oil 6 sands industry since about 2004? 7 As well I do some basically as academic work that I Α. don't get paid for. That's the papers that I did 8 9 in the Pit Lake Workbook for the Australian 10 Geometics Research Centre. 11 Q. And that didn't involve you doing original research 12 in the field; correct? Those guidance manuals, no, I didn't do any 13 Α. original research in the field for those. 14 15 Q. And you haven't been invited to sit on any 16 editorial board for any journals, scientific 17 journals? I have been invited to be on editorial boards of 18 Α. 19 conference proceedings, but not journals, no. 20 Q. Okay. All right, those are my questions. Thank 21 you very much, Mr. Vandenberg. 22 And thank you, Panel. 23 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. We're going to take 24 our break for the reporter. I have 10:12. We'll be back in 20 minutes. 25

1 2 (The Morning Adjournment) 3 THE CHAIRMAN: I just wanted to remind 4 5 everyone that, as I indicated, and I don't remember 6 what day it was, we can only sit until 1:00 p.m. 7 Ms. Bishop, please go ahead. 8 9 CROSS-EXAMINATION ON SHELL CANADA'S REBUTTAL EVIDENCE, BY 10 THE MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA REGION 1 AND THE 11 INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS NAMED TOGETHER WITH 12 REGION 1, BY MS. BISHOP: Ms. Jefferson, I have some 13 MS. BISHOP: Ο. 14 questions for you about your evidence this morning. 15 And I just want to suggest to you that you've been 16 somewhat selective in the information provided in 17 terms of funding. You recall about 10 days ago I 18 asked for an undertaking for you to provide 19 information about capacity funding and good 20 neighbour funding and you responded that that 21 information was confidential. So I believe that was on 22 MS. JEFFERSON: Α. 23 funding to the First Nations, the question. 24 Then through cross-examination of ACFN you provided Q. 25 some numbers, and I think, you can correct me if

1		I'm wrong, but \$160,000 per year for IRC funding,
2		you put that to ACFN?
3	Α.	So do you have a reference there? I don't believe
4		I actually said that. I think Mr. Denstedt may
5		have.
6	MR. I	DENSTEDT: That was my question to Chief
7		Adam, and before I asked any of those questions, I
8		asked him if he had any concerns about
9		confidentiality to raise, and he did at certain
10		points, too.
11	Q.	MS. BISHOP: So you must have provided
12		that information to your counsel to ask those
13		questions, is \$160,000 per year for IRC funding
14		correct for ACFN?
15	MR. I	DENSTEDT: How is that relevant to the
16		rebuttal evidence, sir? I'd ask my friend to ask
17		questions about the rebuttal evidence and get on
18		with it.
19	Q.	MS. BISHOP: Can you confirm that \$160,000
20		per year in IRC funding was given to ACFN?
21	Α.	MS. JEFFERSON: Yes, for 2012.
22	Q.	So that was for one year, 2012?
23	Α.	Yes.
24	Q.	And you can confirm that in addition to that, there
25		was project-specific funding given?

1 MR. DENSTEDT: Now I'm objecting, sir. This 2 is irrelevant to the questions that are being posed 3 and the rebuttal evidence that was provided in respect of the MNA, and my friend has got to come 4 5 up with some tenuous string of relevance to the 6 rebuttal. 7 THE CHAIRMAN: This is rebuttal. You've got to stick to the rebuttal. 8 9 MS. BISHOP: Well, Ms. Jefferson provided 10 a bunch of numberers in terms of funding given to 11 125 and 1935, and she suggested that there were 12 some differences between funding capacity, funding 13 for First Nations, and for Métis groups. And I'm 14 trying to get to the bottom of that. 15 THE CHAIRMAN: Ask questions about what 16 evidence was provided this morning. MS. BISHOP: 17 Q. So Ms. Jefferson, you suggested that between 2007 and 2012, six years, 18 19 there was \$441,000 in funding provided to Local 20 1935, that was your evidence? 21 MS. JEFFERSON: That's correct. Α. 22 And 110 of that was for the Mark of the Métis? Q. 23 That's correct. Α. 24 And the rest was Good Neighbour funding? Q. So what I did was I looked at the total amount that 25 Α.

1 we had paid out to Métis Local 1935 in that period, 2 so some of it would have been funding under the 3 Good Neighbour Agreement, some of it may have been consultation-specific funding, right, that I also 4 5 referred to. 6 Q. So covering costs of meetings and such? 7 Costs of meetings, or honoraria, those sorts of Α. 8 costs, they would also be included in that number. And the First Nations would get Good Neighbour 9 Ο. funding on top of the IRC funding; correct? 10 11 Α. So we don't have Good Neighbour agreements in the 12 same way with the First Nations. So Shell would still cover the costs of meetings 13 Q. and consultation with the First Nations over and 14 15 above the IRC funding; correct? 16 MR. DENSTEDT: Mr. Chairman, again, the 17 comparison to the First Nations is irrelevant to the rebuttal evidence that was provided today. If 18 19 my friend has questions about the funding, which 20 the first couple were legitimate, that's good to 21 If she wants to make some comparison about qo. 22 between the First Nations and Métis funding, she 23 can do so in argument. 24 MS. BISHOP: Ms. Jefferson did make some 25 comments about consultation in terms of Métis

1 groups. She spent an awful lot of time talking 2 about requests for capacity funding. I'm just 3 trying to put it in perspective here. THE CHAIRMAN: Well, Ms. Bishop, all I can 4 5 say is you may ask questions about the evidence 6 that was tendered this morning. 7 MS. BISHOP: Okay, so I just want to speak Q. a little bit about the, speak with you about the 8 9 exhibit you filed this morning, 001-114. Do you 10 have that in front of you? 11 Α. That's the April 20th, 2009 letter from me to James 12 Dragon? 13 Q. Yes. I have it. 14 Α. 15 Q. If you look on page 11 of that document. 16 Α. Yes. 17 And Question 2: Q. 18 19 "At the December meeting, 20 Shell was asked if its people had 21 talked to trappers? William 22 Castor's old trap line use to be 23 across from McClelland Lake." 24 25 And the response was:

1 2 "Shell has spoken to the 3 registered fur management area 4 holders in the areas we propose to 5 develop. We have also talked to 6 other people who are known to use 7 or have used the land in our 8 proposed development areas." 9 10 So after this meeting in and that response, 11 Shell chose not to include any of that information 12 in their Traditional Land Use Study; correct? 13 Α. So in terms of talking to the trappers, Ms. Roxanne Hodgson, who is with Shell, has been a liaison 14 15 between Shell and the trappers. She's on my team 16 now, but formerly was our senior surface landman. 17 We held meetings with the trappers. I think it was 18 probably the first time that we'd ever, a company 19 had ever brought all the trappers together to 20 understand. And the information that we had, we 21 gleaned from the trappers on the Project, we passed 22 on to the EIA and our SEIA teams and they 23 considered the information we received in doing the 24 Assessment. So they chose not to include it, it was Golder then 25 Ο.

1 that chose not to include it, is that what you're 2 saying? 3 I wouldn't characterize it as they "chose not to Α. include it." They looked at all of the information 4 that we provided to them and they considered this 5 6 information in the Environmental Assessment and the 7 SEIA. Well, Mr. Goodjohn confirmed there was no 8 Q. 9 Métis-specific information in his TLU and I'm trying to get to the bottom of that. You spent a 10 11 lot of time today talking about how you had spoken 12 with Mr. Castor, and I'm trying to get to the 13 bottom of why the information that was presented by 14 my panel about the extensive Métis trapping and 15 traplines in the area was not included in Shell's 16 TLU. 17 So again, I would say that the information we Α. 18 received was considered in the EIA. But the other 19 thing, and I think this has been something we've 20 talked about throughout the testimony we provided, 21 in consultation, we really try to be responsive to 22 the feedback and guidance we get from the party 23 that we're consulting. And so we did understand 24 that the Métis wanted traditional land use 25 information. We talked about -- they told us that

1 they wanted a traditional land use study. And when 2 we sat down and talked, and particularly with, 3 well, with both Métis Locals. 1935, when we sat down and we talked about what that should look 4 like, you know, the guidance was that we should 5 6 contribute to the Mark of the Métis study, and we 7 did that in a very substantive way, both in terms of resources and in terms of contribution-in-kind, 8 9 services from Shell people. Our GIS experts. We sat down and we provided that. Mr. Mitch Goodjohn 10 11 was a lead author on that study. 12 So can you explain, that leads to my next question, Ο. did you give instructions to Mr. Goodjohn not to 13 14 include the Mark of the Métis in your TLU study? 15 Because it's not included, you agree? 16 Α. So I'm just going to talk about that for a minute 17 and then Mr. Speller may want to add. So absolutely not, we definitely did not give 18 19 instruction to Mr. Goodjohn to not include that 20 information. 21 So I did actually talk to Mr. Goodjohn a 22 couple of nights ago just to ask him about this 23 question. And so there are a couple of key things. 24 So the study wasn't actually published until 25 September 2012, so what's that, two months ago.

1 And during the summer, we were -- there was extensive review. And he was trying to respect the 2 3 wishes of the Métis 1935 Organizing Committee, the council that was working on this, and they didn't 4 want this information to become public until they 5 6 had their kick-off on I think it was 7 September 19th, 2012. So he was trying to be 8 respectful of their wishes.

9 But the other thing, absolutely, he was the 10 lead author for us. He and Linda Havers, I think 11 there'd been a video out earlier in the year, and 12 they did look at that, they reviewed the 13 information contained in that, considered that when 14 they did the cultural impact work.

15 And the other thing, when I talked to Mitch, 16 he said it contained general, general information 17 on Métis land use. It confirmed that Métis were 18 using the area, which was our base assumption in 19 any event, so the information that he saw and was 20 privy to as part of his role in the Mark of the 21 Métis, didn't change anything in his mind in terms 22 of the assessment and the data we had considered in 23 the assessment.

24So I don't know, Wayne, is there something25you would like to add?

1 Q. So Mr. Goodjohn didn't include any of the 2 information from the 170 interviews in his TLU 3 study because he wanted to respect the wishes of Métis Local 1925, that's what you're saying? 4 5 So I mean, certainly he was trying to be respectful Α. 6 to the wishes of the Métis 1935, absolutely he was. 7 So did Shell ask Métis Local 1935 if they wanted Q. the information about Castor's use and Barb 8 9 Hermansen and John Grant and all the other trappers 10 that came here to tell you that their information 11 isn't included in the Application, did you ask 12 them? So I think, and as Mr. Goodjohn is not here and he 13 Α. 14 could more, you know, thoroughly speak to the 15 methodology in the TLU, but I think we were aware 16 of the information, you know, but what we do is we 17 look at who is actually using the Project area, who has traditional land use in the Project area, the 18 19 area where there's potential for impact from the 20 Project on the exercise of, you know, traditional 21 land use and Aboriginal Rights. And so we're 22 looking at who is there currently. Who is using 23 the land currently. Who is actually in the area.

25 isn't really important and from an historical

That is not to say that a lot of this information

1 perspective, but the assessment actually deals with 2 who's there, here, and may be affected. 3 So you're saying now, you're saying who is there Q. now, that's what Shell looked at? 4 5 That's the primary basis for an impact assessment, Α. 6 who may be impacted now by the project. 7 But it's not the fundamental basis for a Q. traditional land use study, you would agree? 8 9 MR. DENSTEDT: We're getting into information and details that should have been asked 10 11 during the original cross-examination. Rebuttal evidence has addressed that Mr. Fortna's assertion 12 13 that there was not capacity available. 14 Ms. Jefferson said capacity was provided. If my 15 friend wants to question her about whether that 16 capacity was enough or whether it was too little or 17 whether it never happened, I'm good with that. But to delve back into the details of the Traditional 18 19 Land Use Studies which Mr. Goodjohn and Ms. Havers 20 were available for, that's not on, that's not part 21 of the rebuttal, rebuttal goes specifically to the 22 issue of capacity. It wasn't my client that 23 MS. BISHOP: 24 chose to stand up here today and provide a whole bunch of new evidence, Mr. Chair. And I would 25

1 suggest that Mr. Castor's name was mentioned at 2 least three or four times by Ms. Jefferson. So in 3 any event, I don't have any more questions on I am going to move on. 4 Mr. Castor. 5 So your submission was that I think I've heard two Q. 6 things from you, either that the Métis groups 7 didn't ask for capacity, I think that basically was your evidence, right, you would have given them 8 9 capacity if they'd asked; is that correct? 10 So we did provide capacity through the Good Α. 11 Neighbour Agreements, but, again, when issues are 12 identified, we talk about it, we're responsive to 13 the lead that we get from the party we're consulting with. So they raised issues. We talked 14 15 about it. We figured out and agreed on the path forward. 16 17 Okay. So if you look down at Question 3, there's a Q. 18 discussion about, the second line: 19 20 "Concern was noted about 21 Métis groups not being able to 22 access information and consultant 23 on reports that was collected from 24 their own Elder. Does Shell 25 provide funds for Métis groups to

1		do their own studies, like First	
2	Nations?"		
3			
4	"Shell has made its plans and		
5	are just now coming to talk to the		
6	Métis; it will take some time for		
7		the Métis to complete their study."	
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9		So on a reading of that, there was discussion	
10		and a request from at least Local 1935 at this	
11		meeting in 2009 for some capacity to do their own	
12		studies?	
13	Α.	So just to clarify, the meeting the letter is	
14		2009, but the meeting was 2008.	
15	Q.	Thanks.	
16	A.	Right.	
17	Q.	But my question stands. It seems to me there was	
18		that question raised at that meeting in 2009?	
19	Α.	Yes, it was. And I believe I talked about that in	
20		the rebuttal testimony this morning. So certainly	
21		Métis 1935 did raise with us a desire to have a	
22		land use study done. And then we talked about that	
23		more in our meetings. We met regularly with Métis	
24		1935 as part of our Good Neighbour Agreement. We	
25		talked about it more and we agreed that the form	

1		and the substance of that Traditional Land Use
2		Study would be the Mark of the Métis study and
3		Shell's contribution to that. And I think I've
4		gone through our contribution on that, which was
5		substantial.
6	Q.	Right. Okay. But you said that that information
7		wasn't included because it was too general.
8	Α.	So maybe you can elaborate. I'm getting a little
9		confused here. So they told us that the land use
10		study was important. We talked, we agreed on the
11		form and the substance for that land use study. We
12		provided the funding through the Mark of the Métis.
13		We, you know, we considered information that we had
14		on Métis land use in the Assessment.
15	Q.	But it's not referenced anywhere in your TLU study,
16		Mr. Goodjohn confirmed that?
17	Α.	Mr. Goodjohn's not here at the moment.
18	Q.	So I just want to speak a little bit about those
19		meetings you're talking about. There were a number
20		of meetings between Local 1935 and I have all of
21		the meeting minutes here that Local 1935 had. And
22		you would agree with me that all of the funding
23		under the Good Neighbour Agreement was distributed
24		through these meetings?
25	Α.	So I don't have the meeting notes that you're

1 looking at. I can tell you how we fund and provide 2 the funding under the Good Neighbour Agreements to 3 Métis 1935, and also to Métis 125. So there's a 4 process where we actually have a work plan, the 5 Métis Local develops the work plan, which they 6 identify the things that they want to work on in 7 the funding year, the things that are priority for 8 them, they propose a budget attached to each item 9 so that might be, well, the Mark of the Métis study would have been a line item. I think there could 10 11 have been, sometimes there's -- I think there was 12 trapper training one year, there might be youth or Elder's initiatives. And Métis 125 I believe it 13 14 was had a governance project that they were working 15 So they'll identify whatever it is that they on. 16 want to focus on that's important to them in that 17 given year. They'll assign a budget to it. We'll talk about it. We'll probably also agree in that 18 19 work plan on the numbers of meetings that we're 20 going to have and how Shell is also going to 21 provide support, because we provide support even 22 above and beyond the financial support, and once 23 we've agreed on that, then the Local invoices Shell 24 and Shell pays the invoice. And that's how we pay 25 the funding under the Good Neighbour Agreements.

Q. So the funding comes if Shell agrees with the Projects that the Local suggests, that's the way the funding -- that's what these meetings are, right, it's a confirmation that Shell agrees that this is where the Locals can spend the Good Neighbour funding?

7 Α. So if you look at the Good Neighbour Agreements, 8 part of what we say is a part of being good 9 neighbours, that we're going to communicate and we're going to talk and we're going to agree. I 10 11 mean, the main thing is is the Métis Locals are 12 proposing what they want to do to meet the needs of 13 their members and we do actually, for financial 14 controls, and rules that we're subject to as a 15 corporation in terms of financial accountability, 16 they need to invoice us and they need to show what 17 the activities are, where the money is being spent, in accordance with, I guess, you know, quote 18 19 unquote, the contract, which would be the Good 20 Neighbour Agreement.

21 So I don't know what more to say. 22 Q. So this is completely different than a funding 23 through an IRC. Those funds, the First Nations are 24 able to use those funds as they wish. And a Good 25 Neighbour Agreement, the funds only come if Shell

1 approves of the projects? 2 So I'm not going to get into the details of the Α. 3 First Nations agreement, but I would actually disagree with that statement based on the 4 5 agreements that we had in place. Some of the 6 structure has changed with some of the new 7 agreements, but for this time period, the 8 agreements we had with the First Nations, I would 9 disagree with your characterization there. Okay. So in February 2011, there was a meeting 10 Q. 11 between Shell and Métis Local 1935 and Métis Local 12 asked if they could use the funding or Shell would 13 provide operational support. And Shell responded, 14 "Shell cannot support operation costs but would 15 rather fund programs in the work plan." 16 Α. Can you give us a bit more detail on what meeting 17 and date and ... Yes, February 8th, 2011. 18 Q. 19 Well, what was the meeting? Α. 20 Ο. Métis Local 1935 meeting with Shell Canada Energy, 21 date February 8th, 2011. In attendance: May-Britt 22 Jensen-Jahelka, Kelly McIntyre, Dicky Dragon, Local 23 1935. Shell Canada: Heather Taylor, Erica Miles, 24 Taylor Windsor. I don't have those meeting notes in front of me, 25 Α.

1		SO.	
2	Q.	You can look at mine if you want. If you could	
3		just read in what is under the heading "Operational	
4		Support."	
5	Α.	Is there a chance I could see the first page as	
6		well? Thank you. So I would have to go back and	
7		check with Erica Miles, who works on my team.	
8		So it just looks like it's follow-up to some	
9		sort of communication or maybe it was the previous	
10		meeting we had had with the Métis Local 1935. And	
11		Erica is providing our response to whatever the	
12		inquiry was.	
13	Q.	Yes, I can help you out there.	
14	Α.	Can you, great.	
15	Q.	Because there's meeting minutes from January 11th,	
16		2011. And one of the action items was:	
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18		"Métis Local 1935 wants to	
19		know if Shell will provide	
20		operational support."	
21			
22		"Erica will check with Linda	
23		Jefferson to see if they can	
24		provide this funding."	
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1 And then the next set of meeting minutes are 2 the ones that I gave you. 3 Α. Yes, I would have to talk to Erica or maybe you know what "operational support" was. I mean, you 4 5 could define that in many ways. I wasn't at the 6 meeting. I would have to go back and talk to 7 somebody who was at the meeting to understand more 8 fully what the request was. But I would note, 9 we've provided a response to that question within the time period, so we were following up. I don't 10 11 know specifically what the details are around the 12 request. Shell, you can confirm that Shell provides no 13 Q. operational funding to Métis Local 1935? 14 15 Α. I don't know what operational -- well, in here it 16 says "support." I don't know what "operational 17 funding" is, so maybe you could define that. Funding to run the Local. 18 Q. 19 So we provide the funding under the Good Neighbour Α. 20 Agreements, and for 1935, a portion of that can be 21 used for administering the agreements. I know 22 we've paid some percent overhead on some of the 23 work we've done to help defray office and administrative costs with consultation. So if that 24 25 counts as operational funding, then yes, we've done

1 that. If you're meaning something more than that, 2 then I'm not sure I can respond. Well, I'll go through what the Action Plan for 2012 3 Q. There's no operational funding in it. 4 is. There's some money for an initiative with the schools, 5 6 \$10,000. There's funding for a golf tournament, 7 \$7500. There's a Christmas party, \$2500. There's mentoring governance, \$5,000 for the year. 8 There's 9 administrative and action plan implementation fees, \$10,000, is that what you're referring to? 10 11 Α. So I don't have the 2012 Work Plan, but, you know, 12 that sounds reasonable to me in terms of what might 13 be in the Work Plan, and that would have been what 14 Métis 1935 proposed to Shell. 15 Well, other than the capacity funding and the Ο. 16 operational funding they asked for that Shell said 17 no to? I wouldn't characterize it that way. I'll give 18 Α. 19 your notes back. Sure, so. 20 Q. Now, you also spent quite a bit of time talking 21 about this No Net Loss, these meetings. And I just 22 wanted to clarify something. You mentioned 23 something about Peter being involved, Peter Fortna 24 being involved in some of these meetings. Can you 25 explain which meetings he would have been involved

1		in with respect to the No Net Loss?	
2	Α.	Yes. Just give me a minute.	
3	Q.	And maybe confirm if he was there for Local 1935 or	
4		Fort McKay Métis Local.	
5	Α.	I believe the one I was referring to was Métis	
6		Local 1935. I know he did leave 1935 at a certain	
7		point in time, so he wouldn't have been engaged in	
8		all of the consultation all the way through, and he	
9		may have been there for Métis 63 at some point, I'm	
10		not sure.	
11		So this would have been the early	
12		consultation around the No Net Loss Plan. And so	
13		this would have been the Muskeg River Mine	
14		Expansion consultation, so certainly he helped	
15		identify, it would have been, where's the date,	
16		June 4th no, that's the earlier one. It would	
17		have been that first meeting I think in July,	
18		June or July. I may have to get back with you on	
19		the date.	
20	Q.	What year? So that was 2008 and that was a	
21		different project?	
22	Α.	It was the Muskeg River Mine Expansion, but I	
23		believe I said we were consulting the Métis on both	
24		the Muskeg River Mine Expansion and the Jackpine	
25		Mine Expansion and Pierre River Mine No Net Loss	

1 plans. 2 Oh, here I have -- so this was the Muskeg 3 River Mine Expansion No Net Loss Plan meeting which was held on July 23rd, 2009. And for Métis 1935, 4 5 we had Peter Fortna, William Castor and Ernie 6 Michael. 7 Okay, so once this Project was introduced, there Q. 8 was a meeting February 17th, 2011. And I'm just 9 showing you those meeting minutes. Oh, yes, Mr. Plamondon has those. 10 Α. 11 Q. And it says here that the attendees were Jason 12 Plamondon, Autumn Eaglespeaker, Rick Courtney, 13 Cayla Windsor, Linda McNabb, for Shell. CEAA and DFO were there. Jumbo Fraser was there. 14 Lyle 15 Maddas and May-Britt Jahelka were there from Local 1935. 16 17 Yeah, that would be Jahelka. We must have a typo Α. 18 on this. 19 So there were no Elders there, correct? Well, not Q. 20 from 1935. I guess you could characterize that 21 Jumbo would be considered a Métis Elder in the 22 community, but from Local 1935, there was no one? 23 Α. So I wasn't at the meeting. Jumbo is an Elder for 24 sure. I don't know. Lyla? May-Britt's not an 25 Elder.

1 Q. And if you look on page 2, at the bottom, comments 2 or concerns (as read): 3 "Métis Local 125 suggested 4 5 that an advisory committee meeting 6 or something of that effect would 7 be more beneficial than a technical meeting." 8 9 10 Do you see that? 11 Α. I do. 12 And then 1935 suggested that on the last point on Ο. 13 the next page 3: "Métis Local 1935 expressed 14 concern that technical meetings are not relevant to 15 Elders." You see that? I see that. 16 Α. 17 And I just wanted to show you some of the slides Q. 18 that I've been provided from Métis Local 1935 that 19 were provided. 20 MR. DENSTEDT: So perhaps my friend could 21 help me with the total number of slides and where 22 they are from and the details so we have that 23 available. 24 MS. BISHOP: It's right up there. I 25 didn't bring copies. But I was surprised to hear

1 Ms. Jefferson go on about how this was consultation 2 with the Elders. So I just wanted to show some of 3 the slides that I was provided. And it is dated February 17th, 2011. You'll see this is the nature 4 5 of the presentation. 6 THE CHAIRMAN: What are we looking at, 7 Ms. Bishop? Is this on something from the record? 8 MS. BISHOP: This is the presentation that 9 Shell gave at that meeting on February 17, 2011. Perhaps they could confirm that. 10 MS. JEFFERSON: 11 Α. I would just like to make 12 You had talked about one comment there. 13 consultation with the Elders and the testimony I 14 gave this morning in the rebuttal, the consultation 15 with the Elders I was referring to was in response 16 to Mr. Fortna's assertions around the December 6th, 17 2008 meeting that we hadn't engaged with the Elders 18 in terms of having meaningful consultation, that we 19 hadn't talked in particular of Mr. Castor. I also 20 provided the No Net Loss consultation as another 21 example of where we have meaningfully consulted the 22 Métis Locals 125 and 1935.

Q. But you'll agree with me in those meeting minutes
that I just provided, both Locals said it wasn't
meaningful to them, you'd agree?

1 No, actually I wouldn't agree with that. Α. And 2 Mr. Plamondon can provide a little bit more 3 context. He was actually at that meeting. So I see it in the minutes. I don't disagree that what 4 you read out in the minutes is in the minutes, but 5 6 maybe it would be helpful to the Panel if 7 Mr. Plamondon gave you a little bit more information and context. 8

MR. PLAMONDON: Yeah, sure, I think 9 Α. what's important to understand is that these 10 11 meetings were, in fact, designed for the Métis 12 Local to participate in understanding what we were 13 doing with the Compensation Lake. Prior to these 14 meetings, which I would agree are quite technical, 15 there were many meetings that dealt in particular 16 with their specific concerns with regards to the 17 Compensation Lake. And those meetings would have been held in 2008 and 2009 where we addressed 18 19 concerns specific to fish and fish compensation and 20 contamination.

These further meetings are just further development of our No Net Loss Plan, which is a regulatory requirement, making sure that we are continuing to keep the Locals up to date on what we were doing and how we were doing it.

1 I agree that they've made requests that 2 technical language of this nature is not helpful to 3 the Elders, but we did suggest that we could provide information that would be more helpful to 4 5 the Elders and we committed to provide a plain 6 language Executive Summary of the Draft No Net Loss 7 Plan for their sharing with the Elders. 8 Q. But Shell didn't provide capacity funding, so that 9 they could hire experts to attend these meetings and provide feedback, Shell never did that, did 10 11 they? 12 Α. I quess we were being responsive to their requests 13 and the request was can we make it more in a way 14 that is understandable by the Elders, and that's 15 why we made the commitment to provide information 16 that would be in layman's terms and something that

18 Again, the specific concerns of the community 19 were addressed earlier in consultation in 2008 and 20 2009 around fish, fish habitat, fish compensation, 21 contamination, those were addressed in those 22 earlier consultations with Elders. 23 So you're talking about the matters that are Q. 24 addressed in Exhibit 001-114? 25 Α. Yes. Some of those meetings did certainly

could be shared and understood by the Elders.

1	discuss			
2	Q. There was	There was something I		
3	A. Excuse me,	Excuse me, I just wanted to finish.		
4	THE CHAIRMAN:	Just one at a time, please.		
5	A. MR. PLAMONI	DON: Those meetings again did		
6	address co	ncerns around fish, contamination of		
7	fish. Tho:	fish. Those were the primary concerns of the		
8	Elders that	t were addressed at that time.		
9	Q. MS. BISHOP	: Right. So that's the same		
10	letter we :	referred to earlier where Local 1935		
11	asked for a	capacity and asked you to look into Métis		
12	traditional	l land use in the area?		
13	A. Correct.	And I think Ms. Jefferson responded to		
14	that.			
15	Q. Now			
16	THE CHAIRMAN:	Ms. Bishop, before you go on,		
17	I'm concern	ned about the record. Could we get an		
18	exhibit nur	mber or a CEAA Registry number so that we		
19	can know wl	hat is being referred to.		
20	MR. DENSTEDT:	I think before we do that, we		
21	should get	some identification of this, because		
22	it's my und	derstanding this is a presentation that		
23	was made to	o Fort McKay, but.		
24	MS. BISHOP:	No, this is well, the		
25	date's the	same. Maybe Shell can confirm.		

1 Mr. Plamondon just confirmed that this was the same 2 meeting that was talked about in the meeting minutes and it was to local 1935 and Local 125. 3 So I think maybe his client can confirm that. 4 5 MR. DENSTEDT: I guess the question from the 6 Chairman is where in the record is this? Are we 7 going to get copies so we can look at it? That's 8 the standard procedure in these proceedings. 9 MS. BISHOP: I would like to enter the 10 minutes from that meeting as an exhibit. They've 11 been referred to. 12 THE CHAIRMAN: Could we just stay with this 13 item for the moment, please. Could someone please 14 identify this and give me a number so that when we 15 look at the record, when we look at the transcript, 16 we know what was being referred to. 17 MS. BISHOP: Yes, sir, we can mark that as the next exhibit. 18 19 THE CHAIRMAN: It's not on the record? 20 MS. BISHOP: It's not on the record. 21 THE CHAIRMAN: And so what are we looking 22 at? The title page? 23 MS. BISHOP: The point was that this was a 24 very technical and detailed presentation with many 25 charts, very technical information, and my clients,

both of them, 1935 and 125, said this is really of
 no use to the Elders.

So if I could add some 3 Α. MR. PLAMONDON: context there. The presentation itself might be 4 5 quite technical, but what you need to understand is 6 the gentleman that was involved in preparing the No 7 Net Loss Plan was in these meetings and that 8 gentleman answered the questions that were 9 presented in terms of providing additional detail and if they had any questions about the stuff that 10 11 was being shared by the attendees at the meeting. 12 So I think to just suggest that the presentation 13 speaks to a level of technical detail that is difficult to understand, you know, fails to 14 15 illustrate that there was an individual there that 16 was answering questions that came up during the 17 meeting around those technical details. THE CHAIRMAN: That's helpful. Let's mark 18 19 the Minutes of the February 17th, 2011 meeting as 20 010-028. And the slide deck as 010-029. 21 22 EXHIBIT 010-028: Minutes of February 17, 2011 23 meeting

24 EXHIBIT 010-029: Slide deck

MS. BISHOP: 1 Q. So I wanted to speak to you about the Mark of the Métis a little bit more. 2 3 Now, in the meeting minutes that I've gone through, and you seem to have spoken a lot, Ms. Jefferson, 4 about the meetings, and I put to you that these 5 6 meetings were primarily about the plan in terms of 7 funding and getting funding approved for different 8 projects, like trappers training and Christmas 9 parties, but there was very little, if any, discussion about this Project? 10 11 Α. MS. JEFFERSON: So I think the meetings 12 you're referring to are the meetings that we hold routinely, and I'm not sure what the frequency is 13 right now. I know back in 2007, 2008, we were 14 15 meeting monthly with Local 1935. It may be every 16 couple of months now. But those are the meetings 17 in fulfillment of our Good Neighbour Agreement. But they are not to do with this Project? 18 Q. 19 So we would normally have a standing agenda item. Α. 20 I haven't been to one of these meetings in a while, 21 on general updates on operations of the Project. 22 So mostly they talk about golf tournaments and Q. 23 Christmas parties and --24 Then I would say that's mostly what Métis 1935 Α.

25 wants to talk about.

1 So I want to ask you about meeting minutes, the Q. 2 most recent ones that I could find. And I provided 3 those to your counsel. I don't know if you have a 4 copy there. 5 I think October 2nd, 2012? Α. 6 Yes. Q. 7 I have them. Α. 8 Q. Okay. So this, in your recollection is this the 9 last meeting that's occurred? This is October this 10 year. 11 Α. So again, I don't attend these meetings, but I 12 would say, based on the date of October 11th, 2012, it's -- oh, sorry, that was the contractor 13 showcase. October 2nd, I think it's likely it was 14 15 the most recent meeting. Subject to check, I'll 16 agree. 17 Okay. And Shell's overview -- are these -- can you Q. just explain how these minutes come to be? 18 19 So, I would have to go back and check with Erica, Α. 20 but I would say that we meet, there's probably a 21 standard format for it, and the highlights of the 22 discussion are put on here, and any action items 23 identified, right. The basics of who was at the 24 meeting, when and where and what time, and high 25 level, what was discussed and what actions.

Q. And who would prepare them, Shell or the Locals?
 A. Normally Shell would take the first draft unless
 the other party wanted to, and we would do a draft
 and circulate it to, in this case it would be Métis
 1935, and I assume for comment, but that would be
 normal practice.

Q. Okay. So has Alberta advised Shell that they don't
have to provide capacity funding to Métis groups?
A. Has Alberta? I think Alberta has -- would say
that -- I don't think I've heard from Alberta that
we have to provide capacity funding to any
Aboriginal group.

Q. Now, I don't want to go too far back into the evidence, but there was evidence at the hearing and you agreed with the agreement that was within ACFN's evidence, that Shell takes the role of consultation as delegated by the Government of

Alberta?

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19 Mr. Chairman, we didn't hear MR. DENSTEDT: 20 any of that this morning from Ms. Jefferson. Ιf 21 she wants to ask her about the rebuttal, she should 22 ask about the rebuttal. We don't have the 23 willpower or the stamina to go for another three 24 weeks to revisit all the evidence with my friend, 25 and she should get on with her questions on the

1 rebuttal. 2 MS. BISHOP: I think everyone will agree there was a whole bunch of new evidence this 3 4 morning. 5 But in any event, I want to point you to page 1 Q. 6 here under Shell Overview, and I wonder if you 7 could just read in the second paragraph of that, those meeting minutes prepared by Shell, beginning 8 with "Métis Local 1935." 9 10 It says (as read): Α. 11 12 "Métis Local 1935 queried the 13 possibility of sustainability 14 funding. Shell advised that they 15 don't provide such funding as they aren't legislated to do so for 16 17 Métis community. Any additional 18 supplements wouldn't be addressed 19 with this community relations team." 20 21 22 MS. BISHOP: Can I enter this as the next 23 exhibit? 24 THE CHAIRMAN: 010-030. 25

1 EXHIBIT 010-030: Shell Overview document. 2 3 Q. MS. BISHOP: So I just have a few more 4 questions and then I'm going to conclude. I think 5 there are some other parties that have some questions for you as well this morning. 6 7 With respect to the Mark of the Métis, at 8 these meetings there was input from Shell on to 9 what the Mark of the Métis would become. And during, if you look through the meeting minutes 10 11 you'll see that it kind of evolved into actually 12 Golder and the same individual who did your TLU 13 study was also working on the Mark of the Métis, and that was around 2010. 14 15 Α. So, yeah, Mitch Goodjohn was our lead on the 16 Project EIA, on the Traditional Land Use Study, and 17 I believe Golder was also Métis Local 1935's 18 consultant on preparing the Mark of the Métis work. 19 Yes. 20 Q. So this work started out as traditional land use 21 work, you'd agree, but it turned into something 22 else, right, over the span of the five years since 23 from its thought -- and I can point you to some 24 examples --25 MR. DENSTEDT: Mr. Chairman, the issue is

1 the capacity. This is how the world works in the 2 regulatory process in front of this Panel. We 3 provide evidence, they provide evidence. Mr. Fortna gave evidence that we were not providing 4 5 capacity. Ms. Jefferson came back and rebutted 6 that on the capacity issue. We're here to talk 7 about that. The content of the Mark of the Métis 8 is irrelevant to this stage. If she forgot to ask 9 some questions during the course of the original hearing, then that's her problem, not ours. So she 10 11 should ask questions about the capacity. 12 MS. BISHOP: Ms. Jefferson gave a lot of evidence about what the Mark of the Métis is. 13 14 MR. DENSTEDT: Please point to rebuttal 15 evidence where Mr. Jefferson put into play the issue of what is in the Mark of the Métis. It was 16 all about the capacity funding for that project. 17 MS. BISHOP: She talked about it 18 19 repeatedly today in terms of what it is and how it 20 was put together. In any event, I only have about 21 two questions about this, if I might just finish. THE CHAIRMAN: 22 I don't know what to say, 23 counsel. I don't have the transcript. I could go 24 back to the transcript. I don't recall at this 25 moment what was covered off.

1		Ask the question and we'll see if
2		Mr. Denstedt rises.
3	Q.	MS. BISHOP: So there's discussion in the
4		meeting minutes between, you know, which is to
5		document some of the meetings between 1935 and
6		Shell. And there's discussions about turning the
7		Mark of the Métis into a picture book, into a book
8		to read to children and to different types of
9		presentations. And I put to you that that was
10		discussed at these meetings.
11	Α.	MS. JEFFERSON: So I don't know what
12		you're looking at there. To respond to that, I
13		would have to go back and review the minutes and
14		talk to the people who were at the meetings. Just
15		based on that summary, I would likely I can't
16		see that we would have been talking about how to
17		make this a children's picture book unless that was
18		what Métis 1935 wanted to do.
19	Q.	Whose responsibility is it to fulfill your Terms of
20		Reference, Ms. Jefferson, is it Shell's
21		responsibility or is it Métis Local 1935's?
22	Α.	Which Terms of Reference are you referring to?
23	Q.	The Terms of Reference that require you to document
24		the traditional land use, the land use of
25		Aboriginal groups in the area.

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1 Α. The Terms of Reference for the EIA for the Jackpine 2 Mine Expansion that you're talking about? Yes, and also those from the Joint Review Panel. 3 Q. That would clearly be our accountability. 4 Α. 5 MS. BISHOP: Those are all my questions 6 and thank you for the opportunity. 7 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Ms. Bishop. Ms. Johnston? 8 9 MS. ANNA JOHNSTON: Thank you. I just have a few 10 questions. 11 12 CROSS-EXAMINATION OF SHELL REBUTTAL PANEL BY JOHN 13 MALCOLM, THE NON-STATUS FORT MCMURRAY/FORT MCKAY FIRST NATION, AND THE CLEARWATER RIVER PAUL 14 15 CREE BAND #175, BY MS. ANNA JOHNSTON: 16 17 MS. ANNA JOHNSTON: Q. Mr. Plamondon, you would 18 agree that a defining feature of Aboriginal groups 19 is that they have a distinctive culture? 20 Α. MR. PLAMONDON: Definitely. 21 So it follows that the Aboriginal groups with which Q. 22 you consult may have different customs, practices, 23 norms, and values? 24 Α. To what, to non-Aboriginals? I would definitely 25 agree.

1 Q. To that of --

A. I was born here in Fort McMurray and I was raised
in Plamondon and I grew up in and around Aboriginal
groups. I was part of those cultures. So I'm very
familiar with the fact that they are different than
non-Aboriginal groups.

Q. And also among Aboriginal groups, cultures may bedistinct?

9 A. I certainly agree there are distinct cultures among10 Aboriginal groups.

- 11 Q. Thank you. And so would you agree that what may be 12 construed as disrespectful might be a matter of 13 cultural perspective?
- A. That's why I said in my rebuttal evidence that, in
 my opinion, I wasn't being disrespectful. Again,
 having been raised in this area of the province and
 within Métis culture, I understand that there are
 differences but I also have a very good

19 understanding of those cultures.

Q. Am I correct in my understanding that one aspect of your job is to understand and be sensitive to cultural differences between yourself, Aboriginal groups, Shell Canada?

A. Certainly that would be expected of anyone in thisrole. If they are to be expected to engage with

1 Aboriginal groups, they should understand their 2 cultures. 3 And so it's fair to say, and I think that you just Q. did say it, but I just want to confirm, that the 4 5 differences of opinion that arose between you and 6 Ms. Malcolm were differences in perspective? 7 And which difference of opinion are you referring Α. 8 to specifically? 9 Whether or not your communication with her was Q. 10 disrespectful. 11 Α. I would agree, if Ms. Malcolm feels it's 12 disrespectful, then that's her opinion. I onlv 13 presented to the Panel my perspective of our engagement that we had and my feeling that I wasn't 14 15 being disrespectful to Ms. Malcolm. 16 Q. But it is an important part of your job to 17 understand and be sensitive to those Aboriginal perspectives? 18 19 Again, I would definitely agree with that. Α. 20 Ο. Thank you. I would like to move on now to just a 21 few questions about Mr. Malcolm's feelings of being 22 duped. You had a number of communications with 23 Mr. Malcolm and other members of the groups that he 24 represented; is that correct? 25 Α. I don't think that's correct. Most of my, if not

1 all, communications were with Mr. Malcolm. The 2 only other member of his group that I recall being 3 engaged with was Ms. Malcolm. However, if you have a record of otherwise, I could be convinced that 4 5 there was other communications with other members 6 of his group, but I don't recall. 7 There were a few. Chief Mary Ann Powder faxed you Q. 8 confirmation that Mr. Malcolm could represent him. 9 It's not really important here. 10 Α. Yeah, no, that's true. 11 Ο. Okay. And in those communications, Mr. Malcolm 12 made clear his concerns regarding the potential 13 impacts of the Jackpine Mine Expansion project on 14 his groups and their rights; is that correct? 15 Α. Mr. Malcolm provided some general concerns about 16 oil sands development, but he didn't provide us 17 with any specific concerns about our Project and how those would impact his ability to exercise his 18 19 Aboriginal Rights. 20 Ο. But he did demonstrate concerns to you? 21 I don't know how they were demonstrated. Α. Perhaps 22 you can help me. 23 Stated, he stated concerns to you? Q. 24 He stated that he had concerns in general with oil Α. 25 sands development, yes, and with respect to his not

1 being recognized by the Crown as a status First 2 Nation. Those were certainly conversations we've 3 had. And you did also have conversations about his 4 Ο. 5 concerns related to the Jackpine Mine Expansion 6 Project and the Pierre River Mine? 7 Again, there were no specific concerns raised with Α. 8 respect to those projects. 9 If I might just have a moment. Ο. 10 Α. Yes. 11 Q. So you don't recall him requesting capacity funding 12 to hire experts or lawyers to review the 13 documentation? Yes, I recall requests for funding to review the 14 Α. 15 Application, but I wouldn't consider that a concern 16 with our Project. 17 But he did request assistance in reviewing the Q. 18 documents because of his concerns related to his 19 asserted Aboriginal and Treaty Rights? 20 Α. Yeah, he made the request for a consultant to be 21 provided capacity funding to review our EIA. We 22 directed Mr. Malcolm to the funding available 23 through the regulatory process. And we also 24 identified to Mr. Malcolm that, in our process, as 25 with all Aboriginal groups, we would require some

1 identification of how the group is being impacted 2 so that we could have conversations about what type 3 of capacity funding would be provided. And so in those communications to you, he 4 Ο. 5 communicated that he needed assistance in 6 understanding the information contained in the 7 Application materials and also assistance in 8 understanding his rights and the process by which 9 he could engage in the Environmental Assessment? Right. So in terms of understanding, capacity to 10 Α. 11 understand the Project, what we agreed to was that 12 we would hold an Open House for his members to 13 learn about the Project and engage with some of our 14 experts from the Panel, like the EIA coordinator, 15 our mine development manager, et cetera, who would 16 be obviously at the Open House to answer questions 17 in respect of the Project. And we also advised Mr. Malcolm that we would be willing to sit with 18 19 him and select representatives from his group and 20 experts that he would identify to have further 21 conversations about the contents of the EIA and 22 specific concerns that they had.

Q. So he did express to you a desire to receive
assistance because he had concerns that he would be
able to understand the process?

1 Α. Right. And as I've said, what we agreed to with 2 Mr. Malcolm in a letter in January was that we 3 would commit to a phased approach to consultation, 4 which involved an Open House with his community 5 members, where representatives from Shell would be 6 able to answer questions that community members 7 had, and that in the second phase of that 8 consultation, we would engage directly with select 9 representatives from his community that included Elders and experts that he had identified to have 10 11 further conversations about specifics around their 12 concerns with the Project. 13 So in those communications that you had with Ο. 14 Mr. Malcolm, do you recall communications that he 15 made to you in which he conveyed to you a 16 misunderstanding in the process? 17 I recall several conversations with Mr. Malcolm Α. where he conveyed differences in language and 18 19 difficulties in respect of understanding because of 20 those differences in language. If that's what 21 you're referring to. 22 That's some of what I'm referring to. Q. I'm also 23 referring to a letter that you wrote him dated 24 March 16th, 2011, in which you acknowledged that he 25 stated that the English language is very deceptive.

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1		And then you go on to say to respond to a fax
2		that he had sent you. And you say in your letter
3		(as read):
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5		"For clarity, Shell did not
6		state that your legitimate concerns
7		for meaningful consultation should
8		be dealt with in the Court of
9		Queen's Bench, as you have
10		suggested."
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12		So he's also demonstrating a misunderstanding
13		of the overall system in which he's participating?
14	Α.	I don't have that in front of me, so if I could
15		look at that, that would be helpful. Thanks.
16	Q.	Absolutely.
17	Α.	Okay, I've read it. What was the question, sorry?
18	Q.	That you acknowledge that he's also demonstrating a
19		misunderstanding in the process in which he's
20		attempting to engage in and his role in it?
21	Α.	I think what I'm trying to do is clarify that Shell
22		is not suggesting that his concerns for meaningful
23		consultation should be dealt with in the Court of
24		Queen's Bench, as he suggested.
25	Q.	You acknowledge in that letter that he's

1 misunderstood the process or misunderstood a 2 communication from you? 3 Α. I don't acknowledge that. I acknowledge that we're trying to provide clarity around what we were 4 5 suggesting to Mr. Malcolm. And so the clarity 6 we've provided here is that we don't suggest that 7 legitimate concerns for meaningful consultation 8 should be dealt with in the Court of Queen's Bench, 9 as he suggested. And as he has made a suggestion that you're 10 Ο. 11 clarifying on, and that he suggested that this was 12 something that you had said, he's obviously 13 misunderstood a communication of yours? 14 I could agree with that. And I guess that's why we Α. 15 tried to provide clarity in this letter. Okay, thank you. And as you've mentioned already, 16 Q. 17 there were a number of times where he made a request to you to express yourself in plain 18 19 language and plain English, that English can be 20 deceiving? 21 I think I would maybe direct the Panel to my Α. 22 earlier comments, that Mr. Malcolm has been engaged 23 for a number of years in these regulatory processes 24 and to suggest that he doesn't understand the 25 process or the English language, I'm not sure that

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1 I would necessarily agree with that suggestion. 2 Are you suggesting that this is a simple process? Q. 3 Not at all. I'm suggesting that he's familiar with Α. 4 the process. 5 And are you suggesting that one can either be Q. 6 familiar with the process or unfamiliar with it and 7 there's no room for confusion in between? 8 Α. I'm merely stating that Mr. Malcolm has been 9 engaged in the process for a number of years and that he probably has more of an understanding with 10 11 regard to this regulatory process than I do because 12 I've been engaged in this process for three years, 13 well, two-and-a-half years. Is that a fact or is that your opinion? 14 Q. 15 Α. The fact is that I've been engaged in this process 16 for two-and-a-half years. 17 I was asking with regards to the speculation that I Q. 18 suggest you just made about Mr. Malcolm's 19 understanding of the process. 20 MR. DENSTEDT: I'd suggest that we move on 21 to something that's useful. Mr. Malcolm's 22 intervened in five different hearings, sometimes 23 with counsel and sometimes without counsel, he's 24 very familiar with the process. 25 Q. MS. ANNA JOHNSTON: Perhaps I'll keep my

1 questions a little bit less geared towards what 2 one's opinion might be, and we'll just go back to he's demonstrated a confusion and a 3 misunderstanding of communications. 4 5 And then Mr. Malcolm also made you aware of 6 difficulties he might have in receiving faxes from 7 you. I have a fax that he sent you in a moment, 8 where he says that he did not receive a fax from 9 you and he requests "please phone when faxing"? Yes, I can confirm that that was a request he made. 10 Α. 11 Ο. And you're also aware or you became aware in I 12 believe it was April 18th, 2012, in the 13 Consultation Logs, which is Exhibit 001-057, at PDF page 105. There's notice in there that Shell 14 15 received notice of the withdrawal of Mr. Malcolm's 16 lawyers? 17 Α. I recall that, yes. Okay. So you were aware by April 2012 that 18 Q. 19 Mr. Malcolm was no longer represented in this 20 proceeding? 21 Yeah, I was aware of that. Α. 22 MS. ANNA JOHNSTON: Thank you. I have no more 23 questions. 24 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Ms. Johnston. 25 I take it that the staff have no questions?

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1 MR. PERKINS: We have no questions, sir, 2 thank you. 3 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Mr. Bolton? 4 5 6 QUESTIONS BY THE JOINT REVIEW PANEL, BY MR. BOLTON: 7 MR. BOLTON: Just a quick question for 8 Mr. Vandenberg. 9 Is the Aherne and Shaw editorial summary paper that Q. 10 you referred to in the exhibits currently? 11 Α. MR. VANDENBERG I don't believe it is, but I 12 have a copy that I could provide. If you could provide a copy, that would be helpful. 13 Ο. That's all I have. 14 MR. BOLTON: 15 THE CHAIRMAN: So should we reserve a number 16 for that, Mr. Denstedt? It will be 001-115. 17 18 EXHIBIT 001-115: AHERNE AND SHAW EDITORIAL SUMMARY 19 PAPER. 20 21 MR. DENSTEDT: Sorry, I was asleep at the switch there. I apologize. We'll make copies 22 23 available immediately. 24 MS. BUSS: I have one copy here if that 25 would be of assistance, I believe.

1 MR. VANDENBERG: I've got one here as well. 2 If anybody wants it. 3 MS. BUSS: I'll give it to our talented organizer here, Ms. Black. 4 5 The Panel has no further THE CHAIRMAN: 6 questions. 7 Mr. Perkins, is there anything else left to 8 hear today? 9 Apparently there is. MR. VANDENBERG: I do have some "subject to 10 Α. 11 checks" that we talked about. I'm not sure if this 12 would be the appropriate time to clear this up. 13 Okay. 14 We discussed the date range of the sampling 15 of the Parson's study and I said I would accept 16 that subject to check. The dates of sampling were 17 in August of 2006 for the Parson's study. 18 And for the Wieder study, we discussed a date 19 range of 2004 to 2008. It was actually 2005 to 20 2008. So I think that clears up that. 21 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Mr. Perkins? 22 MR. PERKINS: Well, with that, sir, I can't 23 think of any other business today. 24 MR. DENSTEDT: I don't have any redirect, 25 but I wasn't asked. But now I know why I don't put

up rebuttal panels, except every 12 years. Thanks, everyone. Have a THE CHAIRMAN: good weekend. And thanks again for your cooperation during this portion of the hearing with the late nights and so on. We'll resume the proceeding at 8:30 on Tuesday. And I think you all know what the venue is, but Ms. Black can tell you the details of that. Thank you. (The hearing adjourned at 11:40 a.m.) (The hearing to reconvene at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at the Four Points by Sheraton Edmonton South 7230 Argyll Road, Edmonton, Alberta)

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