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Reference: Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project –IAAC Approval Condition 3.1

The following memo provides the status Alberta Transportation has made regarding the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) approval condition 3.1

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) outlined in approval condition 3.1 of their Decision Statement:

Condition 3.1 The Proponent shall develop, prior to construction, and implement and maintain during all phases of the Designated Project, measures to control erosion and sedimentation within the project development area in a manner consistent with the Fisheries Act and its regulations. The Proponent shall submit these measures to the Agency before implementing them. In doing so, the Proponent shall:

- 3.1.1 manage surface water around stockpiles;
- 3.1.2 not stockpile any excavated material within 50 meters of the top of the bank of the Elbow River;
- 3.1.3 install and maintain sediment fences and turbidity barriers during construction and operation;
- 3.1.4 install riprap material along the diversion channel bottom and side slopes where the channel is excavated through soil, near the low-level outlet and where the approach channel meets the intake structure to reduce the risk of erosion;
- 3.1.5 implement measures to allow sediment to settle out before returning dewatering discharge into the Elbow River, including by removing downstream barriers first when removing isolation barriers during construction and post-flood operation; and
- 3.1.6 implement energy dissipation measures to control flows and erosion in the diversion channel and low level outlet channel.

During construction, the Contractor will implement the following erosion and sediment control measures:

Schedule 3 (Construction contract)

• 3.1. The Contractor shall...[assign] responsibility for the implementation, and maintenance of the Work...including temporary erosion control measures, to a suitably qualified individual, herein called the

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"Contractor's Environmental Lead" (or Manager). The Contractor's Environmental Lead shall be identified at the pre-construction meeting. This individual can be a qualified environmental professional retained as a subcontractor by the Contractor.

Schedule 7 (Construction contract)

7.2.4 mitigate any potential for Hazardous Substances to enter the environment through the
implementation of a spill response plan, appropriate sediment and erosion control measures, and the
limitation of using herbicides and fertilizers in the dry reservoir and near waterbodies, and using nontoxic biodegradable hydraulic fluids in equipment for any required instream Work;

Schedule 9 (Construction contract)

- 9.3.2. install sediment and erosion control devices to withstand anticipated flows during construction;
- 9.3.4. remove and dispose of silt materials collected at silt fabric fencing. The cleaning and removal of debris and sediment from sediment and erosion control devices will be conducted in a manner that will prevent materials from entering the water body; and
- 9.7. Should TSS levels exceed the compliance levels, or a visible plume of sediment is observed, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Consultant, the Province and report to Alberta Environment and Parks (1-800-222-6514). A written report must be submitted within seven (7) days of the initial report and submitted to the Alberta Environment Environmental Response Centre. The written report will follow the latest guidance available for release reporting posted on the Alberta Environment and Parks' website.

Schedule 12 (Construction contract)

• 12.1. The Consultant shall prepare a Vegetation and Wetland Mitigation, Monitoring and Re-vegetation ("VWMMR") Plan for the Work and the long-term operation of the Facility and provide a copy to the Contractor. The Contractor shall conduct all Work in accordance with the VWMMR Plan, where it relates to the Work, and cooperate with the Consultant on the erosion and sediment controls for the long-term operation of the Facility.

Schedule 13 (Construction contract)

- 13.6.3. disturbed surfaces shall be revegetated promptly following construction to prevent wind erosion and to control dust;
- 13.6.5. silt fences and other erosion control methods will be used to prevent soil loss from soil stockpiles due to wind erosion;

Alberta Transportation has produced two documents that pertain to managing erosion and sediment with regards to Alberta Transportation projects. Contents of these two documents have been incorporated into the Construction contract as requirements to carry out during construction.

- Erosion and Sediment Control Manual: https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/aaae5384-c0e0-4421-9fd8-6ab835c6f3af/resource/5ae2cd05-f29f-4f71-a88f-08ac702125a9/download/2011-erosion-sediment-control-manual-june-2011.pdf
 - Excerpt from the Preface of Alberta Transportation's Erosion and Sediment Control Manual: This
 document provides guidelines for analysis, design, construction, and maintenance of erosion
 and sediment control structures. This document was developed with the intent that it would

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provide a convenient and comprehensive resource and a rational basis for the design of erosion and sediment control structures...It is intended to assist and provide direction in the analysis and design of erosion and sediment control structures, but is not intended to preclude innovative or alternative designs.

- Fish Habitat Manual.
 http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/Content/docType245/Production/Complete_Fish_Habitiat_Manual.p
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 - Excerpt from the Introduction of Alberta Transportation's Fish Habitat Manual: The overall goal of the Fish Habitat Manual: Guidelines and Procedures for Watercourse Crossings in Alberta is to provide practitioners with an overview of the information and procedures needed to successfully plan and construct Alberta Transportation watercourse crossing projects while minimizing the negative effects on fish and fish habitat and meeting all environmental regulatory requirements

Alberta Transportation has designed the Project to include rip rap in several locations, for example along the slope and bottom of the diversion channel and check structures in unnamed creek; please see attached set of drawings. The Contractor will be responsible for constructing the Project as per the drawings specifications.

In regards to approval condition 3.1.5, this condition has been captured in the Surface Water Monitoring Plan (sent to IAAC on December 14, 2021) as an erosion and sediment control mitigation measure.

We hope this memo provides the necessary detail regarding IAAC Condition 3.1. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself.

Respectfully,

Alberta Transportation

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