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Pierre River Mine Panel Secretariat
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
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Attention: Mr. Alex Bolton, Joint Review Panel Chairman

RE: Pierre River Mine (PRM) - Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry - No. 59539

Dear Sir;

Please find enclosed Shell Canada Energy's (Shell) responses to the Joint Review Panel's (JRP) October 25, 2012 Supplemental Information Requests (SIRs). The requested information resulted in the need to update all of the previous assessment cases. While this work has generated a large volume of information, it should be noted that it consists mainly of updated data due to the time elapsed since the initial filing in 2007.

This submission also reflects the July 6, 2013 Jackpine Mine Expansion (JPME) JRP decision report which contained several comments and recommendations regarding Shell's approach to environmental impact assessment. Shell considered this information and, at the expense of further delays, decided that it would be more efficient to address certain issues in the enclosed submission rather than another round of SIRs.

The JPME hearing also allowed for a considerable amount of new Traditional Land Use (TLU) information to become available. Shell has taken the opportunity to incorporate this information into its PRM cultural review and TLU assessments, where practicable. Further, Shell's use of new TLU information from the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN) was reviewed by the ACFN during the preparation of this submission. Through a letter filed on October 16, 2013, ACFN provided comments back to Shell and as a result of their review, Shell has made numerous revisions to address their concerns.

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Since the initial filing of the PRM application, extensive reviews by Provincial and Federal regulators have been conducted to reflect the passage of time and changes to regulatory requirements. Shell respectfully submits that the attached documents, in conjunction with Project information filed since 2007, now provides the JRP with an unprecedented amount of project specific and cumulative impact information. While interested parties may have further questions and comments regarding Shell's information, or may disagree with Shell's methodologies and conclusions, Shell submits that these issues are appropriately dealt with at the public hearing.

Accordingly, Shell requests that the PRM application be set down for public hearing in April 2014. This would provide interested parties over 5 months to review and comment on this additional information.

Yours truly,

Shell Canada Energy

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