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Via E-Mail: publicregistry@gov.mb.ca

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship Box 38 – 200 Saulteaux Crescent Winnipeg, MB R3J 3W3

Attention: Tracey Braun, Director

Dear Ms. Braun:

RE: MANITOBA ENVIRONMENT ACT CONSULTATION
The Road to Enhancing Environmental Protection in Manitoba

Tundra Oil & Gas Partnership appreciates the opportunity to provide our input into the review of The Environment Act.

As a Manitoba based exploration and production company and the largest producer of oil in the province, we feel that we can provide comments that continue to demonstrate our commitment to environmental protection that supports current and future economic development in the province.

We have been in discussion with the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers and the Explorers and Producers Association of Canada. Those Associations will be submitting comments based on feedback from member companies. We want to confirm our support for their submission.

In addition to their submission, Tundra wants to emphasize some important issues for us in regard to the review of The Environment Act.

- 1. Currently the Department of Mineral Resources is the body that regulates oil industry activities in Manitoba. We are supportive of a continued strong role provided by the Petroleum Branch as the main regulatory agency of the petroleum industry while involving other government departments when required.
- 2. We are supportive of the formalizing of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) by including it in the Act. However, it is important that technical expertise for specific applications be represented to the committee to ensure that an objective review of all applications is conducted.

3. With regard to the licensing process, you have noted that Manitoba's mineral exploration and petroleum sectors are currently not covered by the licensing regime of the Act. Currently the licensing of petroleum activities is covered by the Acts and Regulations in the Department of Mineral Resources. Based on the examples provided in your consultation package, we believe that our developments fall under the Class 1 licensing requirements. Again, the licensing process should remain with the primary regulatory agency which is the Petroleum Branch.

Again, Tundra appreciates the opportunity to be involved in the consultation process for the Environment Act. We want to acknowledge that we are supportive of the need to review and renew areas of the Act to ensure that it continues to provide an effective framework for environmental protection and enforcement while continuing to promote economic development in the province. We would actively participate in any future discussions or reviews prior to any recommended changes to the Environment Act.

Sincerely,

Glenn Ross

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