

May 2nd, 2008

Susan Schlemko
Manager, Board Reviews
Natural Resources Conservation Board
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Dear Ms. Schlemko:

RE: Birch Mountain Resources Inc.
Proposed Hammerstone Project
NRCB Application No. 0601
ERCB Application No. 1462678
EPEA Application No. 002-189942
Water Act File No: 001-00231479

In support of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA) Application No. 002-189942, *Water Act* File No. 001-00231479, Energy Resources Conservation Board Application No. 1462678 and the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) Application No. 0601, Alberta Environment and associated government agencies have reviewed the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report received on May 24th, 2006, updates received on February 23, 2007, and Supplemental Information Request Responses received on December 13th, 2007, and March 31st, 2008.

The documents submitted by Birch Mountain address the information requirements set out in Section 49 of the EPEA and in the final Terms of Reference issued on June 3rd, 2005. In my opinion, the EIA report is complete pursuant to Section 53 of the EPEA.

Please contact me if you have any questions or wish to discuss Alberta Environment's review of the EIA report.

Sincerely,

"Original Signed By"

Mike Boyd
Regional Environmental Manager
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(Designated Director Under the Act)

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