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Dear Mr. Robertson:

Further to your email of June 13, 2012, I wish to advise you that the proposed Christina Lake Thermal Project – Phase H Expansion is a mandatory activity pursuant to Schedule 1(j) of the *Environmental Assessment (Mandatory and Exempted Activities) Regulation*. Cenovus FCCL Ltd. is required, pursuant to Section 44(1)(a) of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA)*, to prepare and submit an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report for this project. The EIA report is to be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Division 1 of Part 2 of *EPEA*.

If you have any questions or require further direction about the Environmental Assessment process please contact Claire Classen at (780) 643-6252.

At this time I would recommend you contact Shauna Sigurdson (780-495-2236) with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency to identify any potential federal triggers (including those under the *Fisheries Act* and *Navigable Waters Protection Act*) and thus any federal environmental assessment requirements under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

A First Nations consultation plan is required by Cenovus FCCL Ltd. under Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development's (ESRD) section (Part III) of the *Government of Alberta and Water's First Nations Consultation Guidelines on Land Management and Resource Development*. ESRD understands that the consultation plan has been submitted to and approved by Tim Gillis of the Sustainable Resource and Environmental Management Aboriginal Affairs Branch.

Sincerely,

**Original Signed by:**

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(Designated Director under the Act)

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