

2007

**NOTICE OF FILING
ATHABASCA OIL SANDS AREA
ALBERTA ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD
APPLICATION NO. 1495132**

**ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT
APPLICATION NO. 001-236394
AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT
WATER ACT FILE NO. 00237030
NEXEN INC./OPTI CANADA LIMITED**

Take Notice that Nexen Inc. (Nexen) and OPTI Canada Limited (OPTI) have jointly applied to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) and Alberta Environment (AENV) for approval to construct and operate the Long Lake South Thermal Commercial Project.

The proposed project is located in Township 84 and 85, Range 6 and 7 West of the 4th Meridian approximately 11 kilometres south of the existing Long Lake project and approximately 16 kilometres south of the Hamlet of Anzac.

The proposed project will be based on Steam Assisted Gravity Drainage (SAGD), and will be designed to produce a total of 22,260 cubic metres per day (m³/d) (140,000 barrels per day) of bitumen in two phases. The proposed project will include:

- the drilling of multiple horizontal well pairs from pads for thermal production, associated injection and production pipelines, and access roads;
- a plant site with steam generation, water treatment, water recycle, bitumen and product handling, fuel gas and bitumen pipelines, storm water storage and reclamation material storage;
- a Class II landfill for project related waste;
- the drilling of fresh and brackish makeup water wells;
- the drilling of waste water disposal wells; and
- cogeneration facilities capable of generating up to 82 megawatts of electricity (subject to a separate application under the Hydro and Electric Energy Act).

Nature of the Applications

In support of the proposed project, Nexen/OPTI have prepared and submitted the following:

- Application No. 1495132 to the EUB under Section 10 of the Oil Sands Conservation Act to authorize the construction and operation of the proposed Long Lake South Project. Nexen/OPTI have also prepared and submitted an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report to the Director, Environmental Assessment, Northern Region. The EIA report forms part of the application to the EUB.
- Application No. 001-236394 to AENV under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA) for

construction, operation, and reclamation of the proposed Long Lake South Project.

- File No. 00237030 to AENV under Sections 37(1) and 50(1) of the Water Act (WA) for the diversion and use groundwater and plant site surface water management. The diversion and use of groundwater includes 140, 890 cubic metres of groundwater per annum for the administration buildings.

Additional Information

To obtain additional information or a copy of the applications and the EIA report contact:

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Copies of the applications and the EIA report are available for viewing at the following locations:

Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Information Services Main Floor, 640 – 5 Avenue SW Calgary, Alberta T2P 3G4	Alberta Energy and Utilities Board 2nd Floor, Provincial Building 9915 Franklin Avenue Fort McMurray, Alberta T9H 2K4
Alberta Environment, Northern Region Register of Environmental Assessment Information 111, 4999 – 98 Avenue Edmonton, Alberta T6B 2X3	Alberta Energy and Utilities Board 10 Floor, Hong Kong Bank of Canada Bldg. 10055 – 106 Street Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2Y2
Oil Sands Discovery Centre 515 MacKenzie Blvd. Fort McMurray, Alberta T9H 4X3	Fort McMurray Public Library 9907 Franklin Avenue Fort McMurray, Alberta T9H 2K4
Fort McMurray First Nation IRC Office Fort McMurray First Nation Band Office Highway 881 (near Anzac, Alberta)	Chipewyan Prairie Dene First Nation IRC Office Suite 202, 9715 Main Street Fort McMurray, Alberta T9H 1T5
Long Lake Community Relations Office 244 Stony Mountain Road Anzac, Alberta T0P 1J0	Anzac Municipal Office 107 – 2 Christina Drive Anzac, Alberta T0P 1J0
	Athabasca Tribal Council Office 9206 McCormick Drive Fort McMurray, Alberta T9H 1C7

For information regarding EUB procedures contact:

Applications Branch, Resources Applications

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Further Take Notice that under Section 73 of EPEA, any person who is directly affected by the EPEA application or, under Section 109 of the WA, any person objecting to the granting of the WA application may submit a written

statement of concern to:

Director, Northern Region
Alberta Environment
Regulatory Approvals Centre
Main Floor, Oxbridge Place
9820 – 106 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2J6
Telephone: (780) 427-6311
Fax: (780) 422-0154

To File a Submission

A submission regarding Application No.1495132 must be submitted on or before April 10, 2007. The Board will evaluate the submissions received to determine if any of the submitters may be directly and adversely affected by the decision of the Board on this application. Send one copy of your submission to the applicant at the name and address below, and seven copies of the submission to:

Ken Hale
Alberta Energy and Utilities Board
640 – 5 Avenue SW
Calgary, Alberta T2P 3G4

Any submission filed shall contain information detailing:

- (i) the desired disposition of the application;
- (ii) the facts substantiating the position of the submitter
- (iii) the reasons why the submitter believes the Board should decide in the manner advocated; and
- (iv) the name, address, telephone number, fax number and, if available e-mail address of the submitter.

To File a Statement of Concern

Statements of concern under EPEA and WA must be submitted by April 10, 2007. Failure to file a statement of concern may affect the right to file a Notice of Appeal with the Environmental Appeal Board. Please quote Application No. 001-236394 (EPEA), or File No. 00237030 (WA) when submitting a statement of concern. If no statements of concern are received, the EPEA and WA applications may be approved without further notice.

Note that any submissions or statements of concern filed regarding these applications are public records, which are accessible by the public.

This Notice of Filing is to advise interested persons that the applications are available, and that the EUB, AENV, and other government departments are now undertaking review of the applications.

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ALBERTA ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD
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