

February 21, 2008

Mr. Terry Abel
Resources Applications Branch
Energy Resources Conservation Board
8th Floor, 640- 5th Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2P 3G4

Dear Mr. Abel:

RE: OPTI Canada Inc. and Nexen Inc.
Proposed Long Lake South Project
ERCB Application No. 1495132
EPEA Application No. 001-236394
Water Act File No. 00-237-030

In support of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA) Application No. 001-236394, *Water Act* File No. 00-237-030 and the Alberta Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB) Application No. 1495132, Alberta Environment and associated government agencies have reviewed the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report received on January 4, 2007 and Supplemental Information Responses received on August 7, 2007 and December 10, 2007.

The documents submitted by OPTI Canada Inc. and Nexen Inc. address the information requirements set out in Section 49 of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA) and in the final Terms of Reference issued on November 30, 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,



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(Designated Director Under the Act)

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