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## **AMMONITE SHELL INFORMATION BULLETIN 2017 - 01**

### **Subject: Renewal of Ammonite Shell Agreements**

#### **Ammonite Shell Agreements**

Ammonite shell agreements (“agreement”) on lands where the Alberta Crown owns the minerals are issued in accordance with the *Ammonite Shell Regulation* (“Regulation”) by Alberta Energy. Agreements are issued for an initial term of 15 years and are subject to standard terms and conditions, including the following which require the agreement holder to:

- (a) keep accurate records showing the quantity of ammonite shell recovered from the location of the agreement;
- (b) obtain surface rights access needed to carry out exploration and/or mining operations.

#### **Renewal of an Ammonite Shell Agreement**

An agreement holder must apply to the Minister of Energy (“Minister”) to renew an agreement for an additional five-year term. The Minister may renew the agreement in accordance with the application, or refuse to renew the agreement.

The Minister will refuse to renew an agreement unless at the end of the previous term:

- (a) the holder continues to recover ammonite shell from the location covered by the agreement, or
- (b) the Minister is satisfied that recovery of ammonite shell from the location of the agreement will occur during the renewal term of the agreement.

In addition, the following criteria would be reviewed by the Minister when considering renewal of an ammonite shell agreement:

- Evidence of past production and/or exploration for ammonite shell from the location of the agreement;
- A proposed development plan with the renewal application;
- Evidence of surface rights access;
- Proof that an exemption as required under Section 30(1) of the Historic Resources Act has been previously obtained;
- Concerns raised by other stakeholders regarding agreement renewal.

The holder of an agreement may apply for a renewal not more than 120 days prior to the expiry of the term being renewed.

To obtain a copy of an Ammonite Shell Agreement Application Form go to:

[http://www.energy.alberta.ca/minerals/pdfs/Ammonite\\_Shell\\_Agreement\\_Application\\_Form\\_C\\_MD\\_F-11.pdf](http://www.energy.alberta.ca/minerals/pdfs/Ammonite_Shell_Agreement_Application_Form_C_MD_F-11.pdf)

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