NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS
CENOVUS FCCL LTD.
CHRISTINA LAKE THERMAL PROJECT EXPANSION
ATHABASCA OIL SANDS AREA

ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION BOARD OIL SANDS CONSERVATION ACT APPLICATION NO. 1626781

ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT
APPLICATION NO. 012-48522

WATER ACT FILE NO. 00265924 AND
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT

The Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB/Board) has received Application No. 1626781 and Alberta Environment (AENV) has received *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (*EPEA*) Application No. 012-48522 and a *Water Act* application from Cenovus FCCL Ltd. (Cenovus) for approval of the proposed Christina Lake Thermal Project Expansion (the Project). This Notice of Application is being distributed to advise interested persons that the applications are available, and that the ERCB, AENV, and other government departments are now undertaking review of the applications.

Cenovus has applied to construct, operate, and reclaim an in situ oil sands project about 120 kilometres (km) north of the Town of Lac La Biche and about 20 km southeast of the community of Conklin in Townships 76 and 75, Ranges 6 and 4, West of the 4th Meridian. Construction of the Project is proposed to begin in 2011, with first production by 2015.

The proposed Project would increase bitumen production capacity at Cenovus' existing Christina Lake operations from 15 709 cubic metres per day (m³/d) (98 800 barrels per day [bbl/d]) to 34 789 m³/d (218 800 bbl/d) at peak production using the in situ steam assisted gravity drainage (SAGD) thermal recovery process. The Project would involve expanding the approved Christina Lake facilities at the phase-1 site by building three additional 6360 m³/d (40 000 bbl/d) phases, namely 1E, 1F and 1G. In addition to the central plant modifications, up to 19 well pads and 141 well pairs would be added.

Nature of the Applications

In support of the proposed Project, Cenovus has prepared and submitted the following:

- Application No. 1626781 to the ERCB, pursuant to Section 13 of the *Oil Sands Conservation Act*, to amend Approval No. 8591J to authorize the construction and operation of the proposed Project.
- Application Amendment No. 012-48522 to AENV, pursuant to the *EPEA* for approval to include the construction, operation, and reclamation of the proposed Project.
- Application (File No. 00265924) to AENV for approval under the provisions of the Water Act to conduct water management
 activities for the construction and ongoing operation of a thermal in situ oil sands facility within the proposed project
 development area.

Cenovus has also prepared and submitted an environmental impact assessment (EIA) report in support of the Project. The EIA report forms part of the application to the ERCB.

To obtain a copy of the applications and the EIA report, contact

Cenovus FCCL Ltd. 421 – 7 Avenue SW P.O. Box 766 Calgary, Alberta T2P 0M5

Telephone: 403-766-6323

Attention: Carolina Molina, Environmental and Regulatory Affairs Coordinator

Fax: 403-206-7256

E-mail: Carolina.molina@cenovus.com

To view a copy of the applications and the EIA report, contact

ERCB Information Services Main Floor, 640 – 5 Avenue SW Calgary, Alberta T2P 3G4 Alberta Environment, Northern Region Register of Environmental Assessment Information

111, Twin Atria Building

Telephone: 403-297-8311 (Option 2) 4999 – 98 Avenue

Viewing hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Edmonton, Alberta T6B 2X3

Telephone: 780-427-5828 (toll free: 780-310-0000)

Copies of the applications and EIA report are also available for viewing at

Energy Resources Conservation Board Anzac Municipal Office

107, 4 Christina Drive Anzac, Alberta T0P 1J0

2nd Floor, Provincial Building

9915 Franklin Avenue

Fort McMurray, Alberta T9H 2K4

Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce Lac La Biche Chamber of Commerce

10307 – 100 Street

304 – 9612 Franklin Avenue Lac La Biche, Alberta T0A 2C0

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Lac La Biche, Alberta T0A 2C0

To File a Statement of Concern

Under Section 73 of *EPEA* and Section 109 of the *Water Act*, any person who is directly affected by the *EPEA* Application No. 012-48522 or the *Water Act* File No. 00265924 may submit a written statement of concern. Statements of concern under *EPEA* must be submitted by **July 11, 2010.** 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. 012-48522 (*EPEA*), or File No. 00265924 (*Water Act*) when submitting a statement of concern. If no statements of concern are received, the *EPEA* and *Water Act* applications may be approved without further notice. Please submit your statement to

Alberta Environment Regulatory Approvals Centre 9th Floor, Oxbridge Place 9820 – 106 Street Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2J6

Attention: Director, Northern Region

Telephone: 780-427-6311 Fax: 780-422-0154

Applications for Confidentiality

In accordance with Section 13 of the *Energy Resources Conservation Board Rules of Practice* (*Rules of Practice*), all documents filed in respect of this proceeding must be placed on the public record. However, any party may apply for confidentiality of information under Section 13(2). Any application under Section 13(2) that is to be considered during a public hearing of the application must be copied to the other parties to the proceeding. The Board may grant a request for confidentiality on any terms it considers appropriate, subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Questions of Constitutional Law

In accordance with Section 25 of the *Rules of Practice*, a person who intends to raise a question of constitutional law before the Board must give notice in accordance with Section 12 of the *Administrative Procedures and Jurisdiction Act* and its regulation.

For information regarding ERCB procedures, contact

Oil Sands Branch, In Situ Oil Sands Group

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