

May 8, 2015

NOTE TO FILE

To: Participants

**Re: Husky Oil Operations - Chedabucto Project
Scoping Document, 2nd round of IRs, intervenor status**

This note to file is intended to provide notice for:

- The release of the *Scope of the Environmental Assessment* document
- The second round of Information Requests (IRs) – due May 15, 2015
- Intervenor status applications – Due May 19, 2015
- Community hearing dates and locations

Scope of the Environmental Assessment

On May 8, 2015 the Review Board made its determination on the scope of assessment for the Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project. The Review Board's determination and reasons are set out in the *Scope of Environmental Assessment* document. This document describes the scope of the development, the scope of assessment, the EA process and the associated workplan.

The Review Board determined that the issues within the scope of assessment for this EA are potential effects on:

1. traditional land use and resource use in and around the project area;
2. archeological sites within the project area;
3. access and related issues;
4. recreational use and aesthetic values;
5. wildlife; and,
6. any other matters that in the Review Board's opinion need to be addressed.

The next steps in the EA process include the following, which are described in greater detail in this note to file:

- 2nd round of IRs
- intervenor status applications
- prehearing conference
- interventions
- community hearings



Second round of IRs based on final scope

With the issuance of the *Scope of the Environmental Assessment* document, the scope of the development and assessment under consideration for this EA has been determined. The developer has described the proposed development and provided its views of the impacts that the project may have on the environment and people. The developer's case to date is provided in its:

- Land Use Permit application and supporting documents
- responses to the Review Board's IRs
- responses to reviewers first round of IRs

Participants should consider the above, and also consider previous information requests and reviewers' comments on the *Proposed Scoping Document*.

The developer's case can be found on the Review Board's public registry and on the Online Review System (ORS) for the first round of IRs at the following link: [ORS - Chedabucto first round of IRs](#). Participants are invited to submit a second round of IRs based on the final scope of assessment and the developer's case. The purpose of these IRs is for participants and the Review Board to gather information needed to help reach conclusions about potentially significant impacts of the development on the environment and people.

- IRs are due on May 15, 2015
- The developer's response is due on May 22, 2015

Please submit your IRs directly to the Review Board.

Intervenor Status

Please note that Review Board is adopting the language used by other jurisdictions and is changing the term "party status" to "intervenor status". Those groups or individuals who are granted intervenor status are referred to as "intervenor". This change in name does not affect roles and responsibilities in this EA.

The Review Board invites groups and individuals that wish to participate in this EA to apply for intervenor status. If you choose to apply for intervenor status, please clearly explain your reasons for applying, what information or expertise you have to offer that may help inform the Review Board's EA decision making, and how it is relevant to the Chedabucto project. This may include traditional knowledge or local knowledge. [Applications for intervenor status are due by May 19, 2015](#). Applications are located on the Review Board's public registry for the Chedabucto project EA.

Members of the public may attend hearings and speak directly to the Review Board during those hearings without registering as intervenors.

Prehearing conference



On May 25, 2015, 1:30 – 3:00, intervenors (formerly known as “parties”) are invited to attend the prehearing conference at the Review Board’s office or by teleconference.

The pre-hearing conference is intended for intervenors and the developer. Other groups or individuals may also attend. The purpose of the pre-hearing conference is to:

- Identify and finalize the issues that intervenors intend to raise at the hearing.
- Clarify the issues so other intervenors, participants, the developer and the Review Board understand what the issue is.
- Clarify expectations of interventions (technical reports).
- Encourage intervenors to resolve issues.
- Establish a schedule for intervenors to present at the hearing.
- Explain the hearing procedures.

Intervenors are encouraged to read the Review Board’s [*Rules of Procedure for Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Review Proceedings*](#). These can be viewed by clicking on the hyperlink provided or on the Review Board’s website under *Process*.

Community hearings

The Review Board will hold community hearings in Behchoko and Yellowknife:

- June 23, 2015 – Behchoko. 1:00 – 8:00 pm
- June 26, 2015 – Yellowknife. 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

Sincerely,

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