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July 10, 2020

Dear Mark Cliffe-Phillips:

**Preliminary Screening:
Obsidian Energy Ltd. Application for an Operations Authorization (OA-2019-001-OBS)**

The Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) has received an application for an Operations Authorization from Obsidian Energy Limited (Obsidian). Under section 124 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, an Operations Authorization triggers the requirement for a preliminary screening.

Obsidian applied to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) for a new Land Use Permit (LUP) MV2019X0016 to conduct abandonment work for two wells in the Fort Liard area. The MVLWB conducted a preliminary screening of the application and approved issuance of the LUP on July 9, 2020.

OROGO has determined that the preliminary screening of LUP MV2019X0016 conducted by the MVLWB meets OROGO's obligations as a regulatory authority under the MVRMA and has adopted the preliminary screening.

Please contact me at (867)767-9097 or by email at oro.go@gov.nt.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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