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Joint Review Panel Secretariat

**Re: Joint Review Panel - Pierre River Mine Project Comment of the Non Status Fort
McMurray/Fort McKay First Nation**

Discussions between Shell and Non-Status Fort McMurray and Fort McKay First Nation ("NSFMFMFN" or "Aboriginals") are on-going and meetings with Elders have been arranged. It is hoped that these meetings will contribute to resolution of some of the issues that NSFMFMFN are concerned with.

This Project will have a negative consequence for terrestrial mammals throughout the length of this Project which are of significance to the Aboriginals and destroy another area (particularly north of Township 96) of their traditional lands. The effects on moose, lynx, fisher, fox, beaver, black bear, wolverine, wood bison and caribou are all negative and long-term resulting in a serious significant adverse result to the traditional life of these Aboriginals. The effects of an increased wolf and coyote population on these other species is noted in Appendix 2:JRP SIR 8 p. 127 but not properly studied given the overall effect in altering the wildlife composition. Shell records significant effects in Table 8-4. Extensive loss of peat land muskeg is expected with no current technology available for the restoration of wetlands. These types of wetland are key to these Aboriginals for all of the activities involved on their traditional lands. These wetland area are key to wildlife and to protection from wolves and coyotes. Potential for final reclamation and effects noted at 80 years following final reclamation will not restore losses to these Aboriginals or even to their grandchildren. As noted in Appendix 3.7 "wildlife species may reduce their use of habitat adjacent to areas of human activity". These changes resulting from this Project will have consequences for more than 7 generations.

Appendix 3.8 records the extensive effect this Project will have on the Non-Status Fort McMurray and Fort McKay First Nation. Discussions are continuing with Shell regarding these effects.

These Aboriginals are very concerned about sites around the Cree Burn Lake site and the failure to properly investigate and protect these other sites.

Sincerely,
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