

OIL AND GAS COMMISSION

October 18, 2000

2200-4800/5800-4800-59240-06 OGC-000246

Mr. Kevin Wright
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RE: APPLICATION FOR GOOD ENGINEERING PRACTICE BUBBLE/LAPRISE AREAS, HALFWAY FORMATION

On August 30, 2000, Coastal Oil and Gas Canada Inc. (Coastal) applied on behalf of the working interest partners, to amend Good Engineering Practice (GEP) Approvals 00-06-004 and 00-06-005 for portions of the Bubble/Laprise Halfway (2200-4800/5800-4800) formation to include the following lands:

94-G-8

Block A: units 60, 70, 80, 90, 100

Block B: units 51-53, 61-63, 71-73, 81-83, 91

Block G: unit 1 Block H: unit 10

Petro Canada Oil and Gas Ltd. (PCOG), as a working interest owner in a portion of the lands applied to be included in the proposed enlargement, submitted an objection on September 22, 2000, and requested that certain lands be excluded from the enlargement. The lands cited by PCOG include the following:

94-G-8

Block A: units 80, 90, 100

Block B: units 71, 81, 91

Block G: unit 1 Block H: unit 10

PCOG further submitted that the cited lands are governed by a "Pooling and Equalization Agreement" dated February 1, 1992. The objection by PCOG as a working interest owner in certain lands included in Coastal's application gives rise to a question regarding the application by Coastal on behalf of the working interest partners. Coastal is therefore requested to confirm by October 31, 2000, that it is the operator of the lands cited by PCOG and has the authority to make application to amend the GEPs.

Coastal's attention is directed to section 8 of the Oil and Gas Commission Act that directs the Commission to encourage the use of consensual alternative dispute resolution methods to resolve disputes. If the working interest owners are unable to reach a resolution on their own initiative, the Commission may, upon application, consider authorizing a person to facilitate settlement of the dispute by a process of consensual alternative dispute resolution. However, the Commission will not intervene if the dispute is entirely in relation to a matter of a contract or agreement among the parties.

If you have any questions, please contact Peter Attariwala at (250) 952-0311 or Ron Stefik at (250) 952-0310.

Yours truly,

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