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Hon. Richard Feehan

Minister of Indigenous Relations – Alberta Legislative Assembly
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Hon. Richard Feehan,

Reference: Recent Calgary and Edmonton Meetings with the ACO on February 8 and 12, 2018

Thank you again for inviting our members to attend the subject meetings and participate in the renewal of *Government of Alberta's Policy on IR FNC Renewal and Enhanced Capacity*.

As a member of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Landmen (“CAPL”) please note however that these meetings were somewhat unproductive and certainly not laudable given that industry is in one of its busiest drilling and infrastructure building times in the year. Why does ACO continue to state it will be the voice of consolidation and efficiency in our Alberta energy industry when clearly it is not? It was very clear that the GoA had already made up its mind on certain issues, and was simply entertaining the attendees. The mapping that is proposed for First Nations and Metis Settlements traditional areas is not all that helpful when the energy company still needs to go through the pre-consultation assessment process. Could the pre-consultation assessment process not be eliminated for Level 1 and 2 FNC projects? This could be part of the LAT report as we have to identify the type of project when requesting the LAT Report.

Another concerning comment made at the session by the panel is that “consultation is not compensation” and site visits “are not part of consultation”. Clearly these two items play a large role in the First Nations and Metis Settlement consultation process and it is disconcerting to hear GoA representatives firmly stating that they are not, when clearly they are.

Overall the message by industry and from Indigenous peoples that want to work alike to the ACO “the provincial competition for investment dollars is being damaged by the ACO while they lengthen wait times for approval process and increase costs” is lost on the ACO.

These kind of actions taken by the ACO need to stop Minster and your portfolio needs to hire energy experts to reach solutions fast – Alberta jobs and livelihoods depend on it.

The Canadian Association of Petroleum Landmen is a cross-Canadian non-profit Association with over 1600 members with objectives to:

- ☐ promote education and training in petroleum land management, including a structured mentorship program, student scholarship program and support of educational institution curriculums, and student body organizations;*



- ❓ *engage with and provide input to the public and governmental agencies through its Board of Directors;*
- ❓ *encourage fellowship and cooperation among its members through association-sponsored activities; and*
- ❓ *establish the highest professional and ethical standards through education and professional designations (P. Land, PSL, CML and CSL.)*

Comments can be sent to president@landman.ca or at the CAPL office at (403) 237-6635. Thank you kindly for the opportunity to present this opinion on these matters.

Sincerely,

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