

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
INDIAN RESOURCES COUNCIL
("IRC")**

WHEREAS on the 25th day of March, 2014, IRC duly convened a meeting of its Board of Directors in Vancouver, British Columbia;

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has amended the *Indian Oil and Gas Act* (the "**Act**"), with the amendments to come into force on regulations being passed;

WHEREAS IRC and the Government of Canada established the Joint Technical Committee One ("**JTC-1**") to develop New Regulations under the Act;

WHEREAS JTC-1 is to fully participate in the development of the New Regulations, pursuant to a Terms of Reference executed January 9, 2012, by IRC and the Government of Canada as represented by IOGC;

WHEREAS the Board has reviewed and been briefed on the following documentation:

- December 3, 2013 –First Nations Review Memorandum;
- January 18, 2014 –Crown Discussion Document;
- February 5, 2014 –First Nations Response Memorandum;
- February 24, 2014 – Crown Response Document;
- February 25, 2014 – Indian Oil and Gas Regulations, 2014 (the "**Draft Regulations**");
- March 19, 2014 – Letter from IRC to IOGC re: February Crown Response to First Nations Review Memorandum and First Nations Response Memorandum;
- March 19, 2014 – Letter from IRC to IOGC re: Joint Technical Committee 1 Process – First Nations Audit and Bitumen; and
- March 25, 2014 – Crown's Additional Details Regarding IOGC's Response to JTC-1 on Tenure & Assignment.

AND WHEREAS IRC has a responsibility to oversee the mandate and effectiveness of both IOGC and JTC-1 on behalf of First Nations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. IRC endorses the February 5, 2014 First Nations Response Memorandum. For amplification and without limiting any of the assertions made in the First Nations Response Memorandum, First Nations must not be disallowed or limited in any way from negotiating:
 - a. Drilling Commitments;
 - b. Earning; and
 - c. Term length.

Nor will First Nations be prohibited from determining or having a say in who replaces an existing permit or lease holder by way of assignment or transfer of interest.

2. IRC assert that IOGC fulfill the mandate expressed in IOGC's 2013-14 IOGC Management Plan, namely to:

“Further First Nation initiatives to manage and control their oil and gas resources”.


IOGC's present strategy and manoeuvring within the JTC-1 process is irreconcilable with IOGC's own 2013-14 Management Plan.

3. IRC insist on complete and timely responses from IOGC with respect to JTC-1 First Nations members' submissions, in the same manner that JTC-1 First Nations have completely and promptly responded to IOGC.
4. IRC continue to require reasonable timelines and process from IOGC as opposed to IOGC's current practice whereby, for example:
 - a. The February 26, 2014 Draft Regulations do not incorporate JTC-1 First Nations' comments from the December 3, 2013 First Nations Review Memorandum and the February 5, 2014 First Nations Response Memorandum;
 - b. IOGC proposes to complete the Draft Regulations for publication by July 2014 notwithstanding the Draft Regulations are presently in a very rough draft and far from complete; and
 - c. IOGC has acted upon almost none of the legitimate discussions and concerns initiated by First Nations.
5. First Nations must have a reasonable and meaningful opportunity to receive and review Drafting Instructions with respect to all modules of proposed regulation, including but not limited to the issues of Bitumen and First Nations Audit, as contemplated by the Terms of Reference dated January 9, 2012.

6. IRC require IOGC to fulfill its duty to consult by consulting directly with all First Nations. The JTC-1 process does not fulfill the Crown's duty to consult.

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: It is unacceptable for IRC's funding to be contingent on its submissiveness to IOGC and IOGC's position relative to outstanding and unresolved topics in the JTC-1 process.

MOVED BY CHIEF WALLACE FOX, Onion Lake Cree Nation



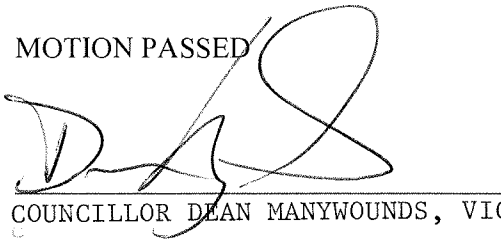
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SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CHARLENE HOULE WHITE, Saddle Lake First Nation



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MOTION PASSED



COUNCILLOR DEAN MANYWOUNDS, VICE-CHAIRMAN

Dated this 25th day of March, 2014 at Vancouver, British Columbia.