APPENDIX K

Alberta Environment and Protected Areas Environmental Assessment Exemption Letter

Aberta Environment and Protected Areas

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May 12, 2023

Chadi Beydoun Property Development Director Westerkirk Via-email: cbeydoun@westerkirk.ca

Dear Chadi Beydoun:

Further to your email of March 24, 2023, I wish to advise you that pursuant to Section 44 of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA), I have considered the application of the environmental assessment process to your proposed De Havilland Field Project. This activity is not a mandatory activity for the purposes of environmental assessment. Having regard to the consideration set out in Section 44(3) of EPEA, I have decided that further assessment of the activity is not required. Therefore, a screening report will not be prepared and an environmental impact assessment report is not required.

Please note that this decision is based on the current information about the project and that I reserve the ability to review this decision should different and/or new information come to light. 2150038 Alberta Inc. should also note that Section 47 of EPEA gives the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas the authority to order the preparation of an environmental impact assessment report under appropriate circumstances, notwithstanding a director's decision to not require an environmental impact assessment report.

2150038 Alberta Inc. should be advised that although an environmental impact assessment report is not required for this project, Alberta Environment and Protected Areas (EPA) may have other regulatory requirements under EPEA and/or the *Water Act*. For more information about regulatory requirements under EPEA and/or the *Water Act*, please contact Craig Knaus (craig.knaus@gov.ab.ca).

2150038 Alberta Inc. should also note that the Government of Alberta's Indigenous consultation policies and guidelines may apply to this project. For more information, please contact the Aboriginal Consultation Office. <u>https://www.alberta.ca/indigenous-consultations-in-alberta.aspx</u>

There is the potential requirement for a review under the *Historical Resources Act*. Contact the Historic Resources Management Branch, Alberta Culture at <u>Historical.LUP@gov.ab.ca</u>.

2150038 Alberta Inc. should also contact the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) (<u>pnr-rpn@iaac-aeic.gc.ca</u>) to discuss the potential submission of a federal project description and any federal environmental assessment requirements under the *Impact Assessment Act*.

If you have any questions or need further information please contact me at 780-644-4983.

Sincerely,

<original signed by>

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