

# Collaborative Solutions Proposal - Gas Production in Oil Sands Areas

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### Recommendations for a Collaborative Solution

#### Background

- The EUB has a “state-of-the-art” Appropriate Dispute Resolution program that provides industry the opportunity to attempt at least a PADR/SAM meeting as a first step in a search for a lasting solution to matters in dispute.
- We believe the EUB should and will support the use of this process as a means to achieve effective collaboration with all parties affected by GB 2003-16.
- We acknowledge that the impacts of GB 2003-16 raise broad policy issues for the Government of Alberta and we hope they will be willing to participate in this process.
- We recognize the EUB’s concerns with the current field of data as a basis for assessing this problem, their current belief that immediate action is required to protect bitumen and their need for balanced input from as broad a range of affected parties as possible.
- This is the most critical challenge to face Alberta and our industry in a very long time and we believe we should avail ourselves of every opportunity to find an acceptable solution.

#### Recommendations

1. A facilitator sponsored initially by TriQuest immediately contact affected parties with an invitation to attend a PADR/SAM meeting. The purpose of this meeting will be to:
  - a) Bring decision-makers from all affected parties together.
  - b) Address and clarify process issues with the intention to assess and custom-design together a collaborative solution process.
  - c) Clarify together the commitments required to make this process effective and the timelines to do the work required.
  - d) Clarify the issues that must be resolved and in what order.
  - e) Address the roles and responsibilities of all participants and outline the rules of conduct for an effective collaboration. This PADR/SAM meeting should:

Be facilitated by a mediator agreeable to the parties.

- f) Be one day in duration.

- g) Occur within 10 days of this submission.
- h) Involve highest level representation from:
  - i) Appropriate industry associations
  - ii) EUB
  - iii) Government of Alberta
  - iv) Affected and representative gas producers
  - v) Affected and representative bitumen producers
- i) Have costs born equally by all parties.

We recommend that the deliverables of this meeting be:

- j) A Terms of Reference and Work Plan for a go-forward solution process.
- k) A Confirmed Issues Agenda with goals and objectives outlined for each issue.
- l) An agreed protocol for parties' conduct and participation.
- m) A firm commitment to participate.

We acknowledge that an informed 'no' may also be the result of this meeting.