

GENERAL ORDER 2021-0144-01 Section 49 *Oil and Gas Activities Act*

Issued to:

Bench Creek Resources Ltd. 57017 Range Road 141 Yellowhead County AB T7E 3Z7

Attention: Marty Clark, President

Order:

Pursuant to section 49(1)(e) of the *Oil and Gas Activities Act* (the Act), I, Andy Johnson, order that Bench Creek Resources Ltd. (Bench Creek) must:

- Abandon the wells listed in Schedule A in accordance with Part 5 of the Drilling and Production Regulation (DPR) and remove any facilities and other equipment on the site in accordance with section 6(b) of the Dormancy and Shutdown Regulation (DSR).
- 2. Complete the requirements in item 1 on or before the dates specified in Schedule A.
- 3. For each well listed in Schedule A, submit an abandonment report satisfactory to the Commission in accordance with section 26(1)(c) of the DPR within 30 days of completing the respective well abandonment.
- 4. On or before July 31, 2022, complete an assessment for the wells listed in Schedule A and prepare and submit evidence of a report satisfactory to the Commission in accordance with section 7 of the DSR.
- 5. On or before July 31, 2022, provide evidence satisfactory to the Commission that the wells listed in Schedule B have been decommissioned and assessed in accordance with sections 6 and 7 of the Dormancy and Shutdown Regulation.
- 6. On or before July 31, 2022, submit to the Commission a Certificate of Restoration (COR) Part 1 and/or COR Part 2 application in accordance with section 41 of the Act and in a manner satisfactory to the Commission for any well listed in Schedule B that meet the requirements of a certificate of restoration.
- Submit the reports, results and evidence required in items 3, 4, 5 and 6 electronically to <u>C&E@bcogc.ca</u>.

Conditions:

A. This order shall remain in effect until amended or terminated in whole or in part by the Commission.

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<u>Reasons:</u>

I make this Order for the following reasons:

- i. Bench Creek has assumed responsibility as permit holder for a number of oil and gas wells (wells), including the abandonment and reclamation obligations associated with the wells.
- ii. On August 27, 2021, the Commission approved the transfer of the wells to Bench Creek (the "Approval").
- iii. Accordingly, Bench Creek must comply with abandonment and reclamation obligations as set out in the Act and regulations for the wells, including, but not limited to those obligations set out in section 40 of the Act and the requirements of the Dormancy and Shutdown Regulation.
- iv. As a condition of the Approval, Bench Creek is also required to complete a remediation program.
- v. This order, and fulfillment of the obligations under this order within the timelines specified, is considered completion of a remediation program satisfactory to the Commission.
- vi. Each well listed in Schedule A is inactive pursuant to section 25 of the Drilling and Production Regulation.
- vii. Each well listed in Schedule B has been abandoned pursuant to section 26 of the Drilling and Production Regulation.
- viii. I am of the opinion that this order is necessary to ensure the abandonment and reclamation obligations assumed by Bench Creek are completed in a timely fashion.
- ix. I am of the opinion that this order is necessary to ensure the performance of obligations under the Act and the permits for the wells.
- x. I am of the opinion that this order is necessary to protect the environment.

Review and Appeal:

Bench Creek may request a review of this order under section 70 of the Act by submitting a request for review to ogc.determinationreviews@bcogc.ca.

Alternatively, Bench Creek may appeal this order to the Oil and Gas Appeal Tribunal under section 72 of the Act. The process for appeals may be found at www.ogat.gov.bc.ca and a notice of appeal may be sent to the Oil and Gas Appeal Tribunal at:

Oil and Gas Appeal Tribunal PO Box 9425 Stn Prov Govt Vigtoria, BC, V8W 9V1

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Andy Johnson Vice President, Operations

DATED AT Fort St. John, in the Province of British Columbia, this 27 day of August, 2021.

Schedule A

WA#	Well Name	Abandonment Date
11205	GSENR MAXHAMISH B- 079-G/094-O-11	December 31, 2021
11625	GSENR MAXHAMISH B- 079-G/094-O-11	December 31, 2021
16070	GSENR MAXHAMISH A- 086-J/094-O-06	December 31, 2021
23831	GSENR MAXHAMISH D- 055-G/094-O-14	March 31, 2022
16198	GSENR HZ MAXHAMISH B- 052-B/094-O-14	March 31, 2022

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Schedule B

WA#	Well Name
9941	GSENR MAXHAMISH B- 059-I/094-O-11
10798	GSENR ET AL KIWIGANA C- 032-F/094-O-06
11214	GSENR MAXHAMISH C- 036-A/094-O-14
11354	GSENR MAXHAMISH C- 091-G/094-O-14
11596	GSENR MAXHAMISH B-A059-I/094-O-11
12076	GSENR MAXHAMISH C- 013-J/094-O-14
12090	GSENR MAXHAMISH B- 071-K/094-O-06
12091	GSENR MAXHAMISH A- 060-B/094-O-11
12093	GSENR KIWIGANA D- 024-J/094-O-06
12586	GSENR MAXHAMISH B-A071-K/094-O-06
12701	GSENR MAXHAMISH D- 070-J/094-O-14
13263	GSENR MAXHAMISH C- 031-F/094-O-11
13590	GSENR MAXHAMISH C- 075-H/094-O-11
13680	GSENR HZ MAXHAMISH C- 054-G/094-O-14
27683	GSENR MAXHAMISH A- 085-H/094-O-11

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