

February 13, 2020

Enforcement File: 2020-048FSJ

Tourmaline Oil Corp.  
3700, 250 – 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW  
Calgary, Alberta T2P 3H7

Attention: Dean Soucy, Manager, Health, Safety, Environment & Regulatory (HSER)

**Re: General Order 2020-001**

Dear Mr. Soucy:

On February 12, 2020, the BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) issued General Order 2020-001 to Tourmaline Oil Corp. (Tourmaline).

Tourmaline has satisfied all the requirements of the Order.

Please be advised that pursuant to section 49(8) of the *Oil and Gas Activities Act*, General Order 2020-001 is hereby terminated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission.

Sincerely,



Patrick Smook  
Director, Oil & Gas Commission  
BC Oil and Gas Commission

**GENERAL ORDER 2020-001**  
Section 49 *Oil and Gas Activities Act*

**Issued to:**

Tourmaline Oil Corp.  
3700, 250-6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW  
Calgary, AB T2P 3H7

**Attention:** Dean Soucy, Health, Safety, Environment & Regulatory (HSER)

**Order:**

Pursuant to section 49(1)(d) of the *Oil and Gas Activities Act* (the Act), I, Patrick Smook, order that Tourmaline Oil Corp. (Tourmaline) must:

1. By February 13, 2020 at 04:00am local time suspend all drilling operations at WA 39773 at location c-040-l/094-H-06.

**Conditions:**

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

## General Order 2020-001

### **Reasons:**

I make this Order for the following reasons:

- i) Tourmaline is the permit holder of well WA 39773.
- ii) Tourmaline commenced drilling well WA 39773 on February 1, 2020.
- iii) Review by Commission staff on February 11, 2020 indicated the Commission had not received a response contingency plan for WA 39773.
- iv) On February 12, 2020 Commission staff confirmed with Tourmaline that it has not prepared and maintained a response contingency plan specific to WA 39773.
- v) Section 6 of the Emergency Management Regulation (EMR) states that a permit holder must not carry out an oil and gas activity that is the subject of a plan unless the permit holder has, in respect of a plan a) determined that there is no emergency planning zone, or b) complied with section 5.
- vi) Section 5(1) of the EMR provides that subject to that section, a permit holder must prepare and maintain a plan in accordance with CSA Z246.2.
- vii) Section 5(2) of the EMR provides that if the following conditions are met, the permit holder may prepare a single, coordinated plan for more than one of the permit holder's oil and gas activities:
  - (a) the site-specific hazards and risks of each oil and gas activity that would be the subject of a plan are the same;
  - (b) the same emergency response staff are assigned, in accordance with the permit holder's emergency management system, to the oil and gas activities.
- viii) Pursuant to section 5(6) of the EMR, a plan is prescribed for the purposes of section 38(1)(b) of the Act.
- ix) Pursuant to section 38(1)(b) of the Act, a permit holder must prepare and maintain an emergency response program and a response contingency plan satisfactory to the Commission or as prescribed by regulation, if any.
- x) Commission staff are of the view that Tourmaline has not prepared and maintained a response contingency plan that satisfies section 5 of the EMR with respect to WA 39773.
- xi) I am of the opinion that Tourmaline is not in compliance with sections 5 and 6 of the EMR and section 38(1)(b) of the Act.

General Order 2020-001

**Review and Appeal:**

Tourmaline may request a review of this order under section 70 of the Act by submitting a request for review to [ogc.determinationreviews@bcogc.ca](mailto:ogc.determinationreviews@bcogc.ca)

Tourmaline may appeal this Order to the Oil and Gas Appeal Tribunal under section 72 of the Act. The process for appeals can be found at [www.ogat.gov.bc.ca](http://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  
Victoria, BC, V8W 9V1

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Smook', written in a cursive style.

Patrick Smook  
Director, Compliance & Enforcement  
BC Oil and Gas Commission

DATED AT Fort St. John, in the Province of British Columbia, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020