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**COMPTON PETROLEUM CORPORATION
APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A HOLDING
HIGH RIVER FIELD**

**Decision 2008-104
Application No. 1485941**

DECISION

The Energy Resources Conservation Board has granted the applicant's request to withdraw its application and has cancelled the public hearing scheduled to consider the application.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on October 27, 2008.

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EXAMINER REPORT RESPECTING COMPTON PETROLEUM CORPORATION APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A HOLDING HIGH RIVER FIELD

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1 RECOMMENDATIONS

The examiner panel recommends that the request by Compton Petroleum Corporation to withdraw Application No. 1485941 be granted and that the hearing scheduled to consider the application be cancelled.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Application No. 1485941

Compton Petroleum Corporation (Compton) applied, pursuant to Section 5.190 of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Regulations (OGCR)*, for an order to establish a holding in Section 16, Township 17, Range 29, West of the 4th Meridian, for the production of gas from the Cutbank Formation. Compton also applied, pursuant to Section 79(4) of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Act*, to suspend the application of Part 4 of the *OGCR* for wells drilled or to be drilled in the subject holding for the production of gas from the Cutbank Formation.

2.2 Intervention

Imperial Oil Resources (Imperial) objected to the application on behalf of ExxonMobil Canada (Exxon). Imperial stated that the proposed pilot area was unsuitable, as it contained both high-quality and lower-quality reservoirs and there was a reasonable probability that an infill pilot well in Section 16 would be drilled into the higher-quality reservoir and would drain Exxon's acreage. Additionally, Imperial stated that the proposed well density needed to be appropriately matched to the reservoir quality of the resource.

2.3 Hearing

The application was to be considered at a public hearing in Calgary, Alberta, on October 29, 2008, before Board-appointed examiners G. W. Dilay, P.Eng. (Presiding Member), T. A. Dibus, P.Geol., and T. R. Keelan, P.Eng.

3 DISCUSSION

On October 15, 2008, Compton notified the ERCB that it wished to withdraw Application No. 1485941, pursuant to Section 21 of the *Energy Resources Conservation Board Rules of Practice*. The examiners recommend that Compton's request be granted and the hearing be cancelled.

Dated in Calgary, Alberta, on October 22, 2008.

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G. W. Dilay, P.Eng.
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T. A. Dibus, P.Geol.
Examiner

T. R. Keelan, P.Eng.
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