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Subject: Release of Mineral Rights Not Required for the Bigstone TLE Settlement

Alberta is required by the 1930 Natural Resources Transfer Agreement to transfer lands and mineral rights back to Canada to resolve outstanding First Nation treaty land entitlements (TLE). As part of this requirement, Alberta reserved a significant amount of land and mineral rights in preparation of the TLE settlement between Canada and the Bigstone Cree Nation.

Now that the settlement is complete, and implementation of the settlement agreement is underway, Alberta is able to release some of the Alberta Crown mineral rights that are in excess of the settlement agreement and will not be transferred to Canada.

Accordingly, please be advised that on August 17, 2011, approximately 180,000 hectares of Alberta Crown metallic and industrial minerals, coal, petroleum and natural gas, oil sands and other mineral rights currently categorized as Reserved from Disposition will be available for disposition.

Companies interested in acquiring metallic and industrial minerals or other mineral rights in these areas may do so under the established departmental processes for those mineral types.

Attached is a map showing the approximate location of the Alberta Crown mineral rights to be returned to the land bank. Exact locations of lands that will revert to an available status will be available for viewing on the Department of Energy’s Metallic and Industrial Minerals interactive map on July 18th at www.energy.alberta.ca/OurBusiness/1072.asp

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