



Sustainable Development

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Mr. Ken Balfour
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Dear Mr. Balfour:

**Re: ERCO Worldwide – Hargrave Facility – Environment Act Licence No. 2495 R5 –
Notice of Alteration**

Receipt of your December 8, 2016 submission is acknowledged as a notice of alteration in accordance with Section 14 of *The Environment Act*.

The requested change to the Development as Licensed is the drilling and development of a new salt cavern and associated connections with the main processing building. The information provided states that the existing cavern from which ERCO obtains brine feed stock solution is nearing its end of life and a new cavern is needed to meet production requirements.

The new production well is required to be licensed under *The Manitoba Oil and Gas Act* and it is understood that the licensing process with the Petroleum Branch of the Mineral Resources Department is currently underway.

The potential environmental effect of the requested change to the Development as Licensed is insignificant and considered to be a minor alteration in accordance with Section 14(2) of *The Environment Act*. Approval is hereby granted for the proposed change to the Development as described in the December 8, 2016 submission and subject to all limits and conditions associated with the issuance of a Licence under *The Manitoba Oil and Gas Act*.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Winsor, P.Eng. at 204-945-7012.

Yours sincerely,

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Director

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