

December 14, 2011

Mr. Jed M. Chinneck Chinneck Law Professional Corporation 37 Ridout Street South London, Ontario N6C 3W7

Dear Mr. Chinneck,

## Re: Tribute Resources Inc. - Huron Bayfield Storage Project Development Intervenor - 2195002 Ontario Inc. Board File Nos.: EB-2011-0076, EB-2011-0077, EB-2011-0078, EB-2011-0285

Thank you for your letter dated December 12, 2011.

As you may recall, on April 20, 2011, following the first round of court applications and hearings up to the Supreme Court of Canada, Tribute Resources Inc. re-filed its applications.

On August 9, 2011, the Ontario Energy Board ("Board" or "OEB") directed amendments to the structure of Tribute's application, which had the effect of Tribute amending its pre-filed evidence, which Tribute subsequently commenced.

Tribute re-filed its application on August 22, 2011.

Then, on September 1, 2011, you launched the current superior court proceedings aimed at moving determination of certain issues in the storage hearing to the courts and away from the OEB's purview, while Tribute was in the process of amending the pre-filed evidence.

Under these stalled circumstances, on November 8, 2011 Board decided to stay the proceedings, having received your latest court filing.

As case manager, and given the above unsettled circumstances, I made the decision to defer sending out any further materials to any party to the proceedings (other than the binders I had prepared and already sent to Bluewater, the MNR and Middlesex Country) until the 'dust settles'. At that time, Tribute will evaluate and determine whether there is even going to be a continuation of the hearing in this matter.

We receive monthly calls from our landowner representative(s) asking when the proceeding will recommence. We regrettably have no answer for them either. And neither is Tribute going to be

sending our landowner participants any further materials, given the status and adjournment of the proceedings. Once the direction of this matter is determined, and only if the hearing is re-activated, updated materials may be filed and you and your clients may receive a copy, if that occurs.

I trust this explains the status quo.

Yours truly, TRIBUTE RESOURCES INC.

## Original signed by

## Chris Butler

cc: Ms. Kiresten Walli, Board Secretary All registered parties in EB-2011-0076, EB-2011-0077, EB-2011-0078 and EB-2011-0285 proceeding.