

Notice

**NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS
VALUE CREATION INC.
ADVANCED TRISTAR PROJECT
ATHABASCA OIL SANDS AREA**

**ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION BOARD
APPLICATION NO. 1740129**

**ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT
APPLICATION NO. 001-309437
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

The Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB/Board) has received Application No. 1740129 and Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD) has received *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA)* Application No. 001-309437 (collectively the “Applications”) from Value Creation Inc. (VCI) for approval of the proposed Advanced Tristar (ATS) Project (the Project). This notice is to advise interested parties that the Applications are available for viewing and that the ERCB, ESRD, and other government departments are now undertaking a review of the Applications and associated environmental impact assessment (EIA).

Description of the Project

VCI has applied to construct, operate, and reclaim an in situ oil sands project about 10 kilometres northeast of Fort McMurray, Alberta, in Sections 20 to 30, Township 89, Range 8, West of the 4th Meridian. About 256 well pairs drilled from 40 well pads would be required over the proposed Project’s expected 25-year operation. The Project’s total bitumen production capacity would be 11 924 cubic metres per day (m³/d) (75 000 barrels per day [bbl/d]) with VCI’s proprietary bitumen processing and upgrading technology. The upgraded crude oil would be blended with some diluent to produce 12 669 m³/d (79 688 bbl/d) of premium oil essentially containing no asphaltenes, and named Value Creation Medium oil (VC-M) .

The proposed Project would use steam-assisted gravity drainage (SAGD) to recover bitumen in three phases, ATS-1, ATS-2, and ATS-3, each with a production capacity of 2 385 m³/d (15 000 bbl/d), 4 770 m³/d (30 000 bbl/d), and 4 770 m³/d (30 000 bbl/d), respectively. The proposed Project would include a central processing facility, thermal injection wells, production wells, disposal wells, utilities, a few borrow pits, access roads, and associated infrastructure.

VCI has prepared and submitted the following:

- Application No. 1740129 to the ERCB, under Section 10 of the *Oil Sands Conservation Act*, to construct, operate, and reclaim a new commercial in situ oil sands project.

- Application No. 001-309437 to ESRD, under Part 2, Division 2, and Section 66 of the *EPEA*, to construct, operate, and reclaim an enhanced recovery in situ oil sands processing plant and oil production site.
- An EIA report associated with the above applications. The EIA forms part of the application to the ERCB.

To obtain a copy of the applications, contact

Value Creation Inc.
 635 – 8 Avenue SW
 Calgary, Alberta T2P 3M3
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 Fax: 403-539-4501
 E-mail: bernard.chung@VCTek.com
 Website: <http://www.vctek.com/>

To view a copy of the Applications, EIA, and supporting documents, contact

ERCB Information Services Suite 1000, 250 – 5 Street SW Calgary, Alberta T2P 0R4 Telephone: 403-297-8311 (Option 2) (toll free: 1-855-297-8311) Viewing hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Alberta Government Library Great West Life Building 6th Floor, 9920 – 108 Street Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2M4 Telephone: 780-427-5828 (toll free: 780-310-0000)
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ERCB Fort McMurray Regional Office
 2nd Floor, Provincial Building
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 Fort McMurray, Alberta T9H 2K4
 Telephone: 780-743-7214

- **Copies of the Applications are also available for viewing at www.vctek.com**

To File a Statement of Concern

Under Section 73 of *EPEA*, any person who may be directly affected by the *EPEA* application may submit a written statement of concern. Statements of concern under the *EPEA* must be submitted by **April 19, 2013**. Please quote Application No. 001-309437 (*EPEA*) when submitting a statement of concern. If no statements of concern are received, the *EPEA* applications may be approved without further notice. Failure to file a statement of concern may affect the right to file a Notice of Appeal with the Environmental Appeals Board. Please submit statements of concern to

Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development
 Regulatory Approvals Centre
 Main floor, Oxbridge Place
 9820 – 106 Street
 Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2J6
 Attention: Director, Northern Region

Telephone: 780-427-6311

Fax: 780-422-0154

The ERCB also receives and reviews statements of concern sent to ESRD. Once reviewed, the ERCB may register a statement of concern as an objection to the ERCB application for the Project, depending on the nature of the concerns expressed and further correspondence with the concerned party. Any interested party can file a separate objection with the ERCB if its concerns with the Project only relate to the ERCB application. The filing deadline stated above does not apply to objections to be filed with the ERCB, unless stated otherwise in a notice or other direction of the ERCB.

Contents of a Submission or Statement of Concern

Submissions or statements of concern filed in connection with the Applications should indicate:

- (a) the right or rights of the person that may be directly and adversely affected by a decision of the Board on the proposed application;
- (b) the manner in which the right(s) may be directly and adversely affected by a decision of the Board on the Application;
- (c) the location of the land, residence or activity of the person in relation to the location of the project that forms the subject of the Applications; and
- (d) the name, address in Alberta, telephone number, fax number, if any, and if available, an e-mail address of the person.

Questions of Constitutional Law

Persons who intend to raise a question of constitutional law before the ERCB must file the question within the timeframes for submissions noted above. Submissions that place questions of constitutional law before the ERCB must comply with Section 25 of the *Energy Resources Conservation Board Rules of Practice (Rules of Practice)* and Section 12 of the *Administrative Procedures and Jurisdiction Act*.

Applications for Confidentiality

Section 13 of the *Rules of Practice* and Section 35(1) of the *EPEA* require that all documents filed in respect of this proceeding must be placed on the public record. However, any party may apply for confidentiality of information. For the ERCB, any application under Section 13(2) that is to be considered during a public hearing of the application must be copied to the other parties to the proceeding. Any application seeking confidentiality under Section 13 of the *Rules of Practice* must include the reasons for the request, including the specific harm that would result if the information were placed on the public record. The Board may grant a request for confidentiality on any terms it considers appropriate, subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Section 13 of the *Rules of Practice* is available on the ERCB website at [Rules of Practice](#). For the purposes of ESRD, such requests can be filed according to Section 35(4) of the *EPEA*.

For information about ERCB procedures, please contact
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