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Dear Tristan Goodman:

This is in response to your letter dated March 31, 2020 to The Honourable Brian Pallister, Premier of Manitoba regarding the oil and gas sectors' current liquidity issue and cost structure and caring for the health of employees. As this falls within the mandate of Honourable Blaine Pedersen, Minister of Agriculture and Resource Development, I have been asked to respond on his behalf.

The Department is reviewing all options to lessen the impact to the oil and gas industry by this pandemic and an extraordinary low commodity price environment. Your letter highlighted many of the concerns raised by other individual industry stakeholders. These concerns have been noted and will be considered in the government's overall response to industry relief measures.

On April 17, 2020 the Government of Canada announced new initiatives that are intended to provide some relief to the oil and gas sector, including a repayable loans program and the establishment of a business credit availability program. We will be working closely with the Federal Government to encourage eligibility to companies operating in Manitoba to receive access to this relief support to assist with liquidity challenges.

I am also pleased to advise that Manitoba is prepared to extend expiring oil and gas Crown mineral leases for a period of one year, upon application to the Director of Regulatory Services, Mr. Peter Mraz. We are also prepared to consider extending well licenses to two years also upon application.

We trust these immediate measures will provide some relief to the industry and we look forward to working with you to communicate these measures to your members.

As the department continues to review other options to assist industry, I will ask that Mr. Mraz contact you directly to provide status updates and discuss opportunities to collaborate with EPAC. He can be reached by phone at 204-945-6576 and by email at peter.mraz@gov.mb.ca.

Yours sincerely,



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