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Mr. Roman Pietrus, P.Eng.  
Diageo Canada Inc. – Gimli Plant  
P.O. Box 2000  
19107 Seagram Road  
Gimli, Manitoba R0C 1B0

Dear Mr. Pietrus:

**Re: Diageo Canada Inc. – Gimli Plant – Environment Act Licence No. 778 – Notice of Alteration**

Receipt of your March 11, 2016 letter, received on March 16, 2016, 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 to temporarily suspend the operation of the Diageo wastewater treatment plant for a period of up to six months. During the temporary suspension, Diageo proposes to pump clean water, boiler condensate and sanitary wastewater to the R.M. of Gimli's wastewater treatment plant as per the Diageo and R.M. of Gimli Services Agreement. Diageo will not send wastewater to Lake Winnipeg while the operation of the wastewater treatment plant is suspended.

Additionally, the letter states that accumulated sludge will be pumped to Diageo's on-site sludge drying beds and the lagoon will remain in its current state, however the aerators will be turned off.

Following the cessation of the temporary suspension of the wastewater treatment plant operation, Diageo's intent is to place the wastewater treatment plant back into service and begin transferring wastewater to the R.M. of Gimli as described in the September 29, 2015 notice of alteration which was approved on October 15, 2015.

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*. The requested change to the Development as described in the March 11, 2016 letter is hereby approved and subject to the following conditions:

1. The Licencee shall not cause or permit an odour nuisance to be created as a result of the construction, operation or alteration of the Development, and shall take such steps as the Director may require to eliminate or mitigate an odour nuisance;
2. The Licencee shall, during the period commencing with the date of this letter until September 19, 2016, not discharge wastewater from the Development except to the R.M. of Gimli's wastewater treatment plant as per the Diageo and R.M. of Gimli Service Agreement; and
3. This approval shall terminate on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

where:

"odour nuisance" means a continuous or repeated odour, smell or aroma, in an affected area, which is offensive, obnoxious, troublesome, annoying, unpleasant or disagreeable to a person:

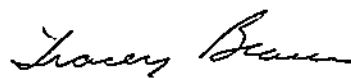
- a) residing in an affected area;
- b) working in an affected area; or
- c) present at a location in an affected area which is normally open to members of the public;

if the odour, smell or aroma

- d) is the subject of at least 5 written complaints, received by the Director in a form satisfactory to the Director and within a 90-day period, from 5 different persons falling within clauses (a), (b) or (c), who do not live in the same household; or
- e) is the subject of at least one written complaint, received by the Director in a form satisfactory to the Director, from a person falling within clauses (a), (b) or (c) and the Director is of the opinion that if the odour, smell or aroma had occurred in a more densely populated area there would have been at least 5 written complaints received within a 90-day period, from 5 different persons who do not live in the same household.

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

Yours sincerely,



Tracey Braun, M.Sc.  
Director

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