File No. 2093 Board Order No. 2093-1

August 15, 2019

## **SURFACE RIGHTS BOARD**

## IN THE MATTER OF THE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS ACT, R.S.B.C., C. 361 AS AMENDED

## AND IN THE MATTER OF

THE NORTH WEST  $\frac{1}{4}$  OF SECTION 31 TOWNSHIP 85 RANGE 18 WEST OF THE  $6^{\text{TH}}$  MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT (The "Lands")

	BOARD ORDER	
		(RESPONDENT)
AND:	Predator Oil BC Ltd.	
	Juditi Rouike	(APPLICANT)
BETWEEN:	Judith Rourke	

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This is an application brought under sections 164 and 176 of the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act*.

The Applicant, Judith Rourke, is the person entitled to receive the rent payable under a Surface Lease on the Lands described as THE NORTH WEST ¼ OF SECTION 31 TOWNSHIP 85 RANGE 18 WEST OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT entered June 4, 2000 (the Surface Lease). The Respondent, Predator Oil BC Ltd., conducts an oil and gas activity on the Lands. The Respondent's right of entry to the Lands for the conducting the oil and gas activity is pursuant to the Surface Lease.

In accordance with the Surface Lease and an agreement with the current owners of the Lands, Terrence Edward Wood and Carolyn Jean Wood, Predator Oil BC Ltd., is required to make annual payments of \$2,513.93 to Judith Rourke. Predator Oil BC Ltd. failed to make the annual payment required by June 4, 2019.

The Board finds that Predator Oil BC Ltd. has failed to pay rent owing under a surface lease. Pursuant to section 176 of the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act*, the Board determines that Predator Oil BC Ltd. owes Judith Rourke \$2,513.93 in unpaid rent plus interest from June 4, 2019. The Applicant is entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Predator Oil BC Ltd. shall forthwith pay to Judith Rourke the sum of \$2,513.93 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from June 4, 2019.

**DATED:** August 15, 2019

FOR THE BOARD

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Cheryl Vickers, Chair