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THE OIL SANDS TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH AUTHORITY AMENDMENT ACT, 1975

(Assented to _____, 1975)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. *The Oil Sands Technology and Research Authority Act is hereby amended.*

2. *Section 1 is amended*

(a) *by adding the following clause after clause (c):*

- (c1) "heavy crude oil" means a naturally occurring viscous mixture that consists mainly of hydrocarbons heavier than pentane, that may contain sulphur compounds and that in its naturally occurring state has a gravity of less than 20 degrees on the American Petroleum Institute gravity scale;
- (b) *as to clause (i) by striking out the words "crude bitument" and by substituting the words "oil sands or heavy crude oil".*

3. *Section 2 is amended*

(a) *by striking out clause (a) and by substituting the following:*

- (a) research into the technological methods required for
- (i) the efficient and economic recovery and processing of crude bitumen and other oil sands products from oil sands deposits in Alberta, and
- (ii) the efficient and economic recovery and processing of heavy crude oil in Alberta, may be assisted, encouraged and promoted,

(b) *by striking out clause (c) and by substituting the following:*

- (c) the compilation, assessment and dissemination of present and future technological information relating to
- (i) exploration for oil sands deposits and the recovery and processing of oil sands products,

Explanatory Notes

1. This Bill will amend chapter 49 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1974.

2. "Heavy crude oil" defined.

3. The effect of the amendments is to extend the scope of the Act to heavy crude oil and products derived therefrom, particularly so that research will be encouraged in the field of the recovery of reserves of heavy crude oil that are irrecoverable by present methods and in the field of the processing of heavy crude oil and products derived therefrom.

Section 2 presently reads:

2. The purposes of this Act are to provide means whereby
 - (a) research into the technological methods required for the efficient and economic recovery and processing of crude bitumen and other oil sands products from oil sands deposits in Alberta may be assisted, encouraged and promoted,
 - (b) research into the technological methods required to ensure an acceptable quality of the environment during and after such recovery and processing operations may be assisted, encouraged and promoted,
 - (c) the compilation, assessment and dissemination of present and future technological information relating to the exploration for, recovery and processing of oil sands products, environmental conservation in connection with such recovery and processing operations, and the production and transportation of synthetic crude oil and other oil sands products from oil sands deposits in Alberta, may be achieved,
 - (d) co-operation among the Government of Alberta, industry, universities and other institutions or agencies in respect of matters under this Act may be established, furthered and maintained, and
 - (e) technological problems impeding the development of production capacity to meet the demand for synthetic crude oil may be solved or alleviated.

- (ii) the recovery and processing of heavy crude oil and products derived from heavy crude oil,
 - (iii) environmental conservation in connection with such exploration, recovery and processing operations, and
 - (iv) the production and transportation of synthetic crude oil and other oil sands products and of heavy crude oil and products derived from heavy crude oil,
- may be achieved,
- (c) *as to clause (e) by adding after the words “synthetic crude oil” the words “, heavy crude oil and products derived from heavy crude oil”.*

4. Section 16, subsection (1), clause (e) is amended by striking out the word “Foundation” and substituting the word “Authority”.

5. Section 20, subsection (1), clause (g) is amended by striking out the words “professorships or chairs” and by substituting the words “professorships, fellowships, scholarships or chairs”.

6. This Act comes into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

4. Corrects a drafting error.

5. Section 20(1)(g) presently reads:

20. (1) Subject to the regulations, the Authority
(g) may fund in whole or in part research professorships or chairs
for the furtherance of the purposes of this Act at any university
in Alberta;