

August 18, 2020

Amber Link, Reeve of Wheatland County
Wheatland County Administrative Offices
242006 Range Road 234
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Strathmore, AB, T1P 1J6

RE: EARTHRENEW LINEAR TAX ASSESSMENT (ROLL # 9627010)

Dear Ms. Link,

EarthRenew Inc. is a newly-formed company that is re-commissioning historical operations of an organic fertilizer facility in Wheatland County. Previous iterations of the company, circa 2007, provided promising sustainable agricultural solutions in Wheatland County; however, the novel nature of the technology and process revealed the engineering challenges associated with a continuous feedstock (manure) availability that feeds a manufacturing process subject to the limitations of equipment, staff and process flow. The facility was shuttered in 2010. The operation was then purchased by a group that used the on-site power generation capabilities from 2012 to 2015. However, after changes to the power pricing regulation in 2015, the facility was not profitable and operations once again ceased.

In 2016, Keith Driver was brought on as CEO with the vision to re-invigorate the company and the facility. The re-development plans will address the process flow challenges that the previous engineering plans identified. Additionally, EarthRenew's director Catherine Stretch reached out to David Imrie at the Linear Property Assessment Unit to suspend our linear assessment from 2016 onward. Previous communications with the Linear Property Assessment Unit are attached.

In 2018, EarthRenew began the process of recommissioning the facility. The first steps included testing, commissioning and proofing of the capabilities of the power generation equipment. As such, the Linear Property Assessment Unit reached out to determine if EarthRenew's facilities were operational and generating to the Alberta electrical grid. It then informed us that we would receive a new assessment for 2020.

This brief historical overview gives the councilors of Wheatland County insight into the operations at the facility over the past ten years. EarthRenew is in the process of permit application, regulatory engagement and public notification, working towards the re-development and re-commissioning of the facility. EarthRenew currently has an outstanding linear tax assessment of **\$154,006.05**. The 2014, 2015

and 2020 levies account for **\$103,242.66**. We understand we cannot review the historical levies because the appropriate time to review has lapsed. However, we would like to work collaboratively with the County to determine if the interim penalties can be managed:

- 1) the penalties for the periods in which EarthRenew was formally shuttered and non-operational account for \$50,763.39;
- 2) the facility was shuttered and exempt from levies from 2016-2019 but still faced penalties on previous amounts owed;
- 3) the facility only generated \$95,518.89 in 2019; and
- 4) a new management group that wants to pro-actively work with County to create a sustainable agricultural operation to the long-term benefit of the County, its residents and its agricultural industry.

Based on EarthRenew's vision for re-development and views on actively engaging with Wheatland County, EarthRenew is requesting to speak with County council members directly on the steps forward and will ensure the appropriate members of our team are available to discuss and resolve outstanding assessments at your earliest availability.

Our team is open to any questions or requests for additional information. With consideration of the time and attention of Wheatland County Council Members.

Many thanks,



Keith Driver
CEO
EarthRenew Inc.