

APPROVAL

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT
R.S.A. 2000, c.E-12, as amended.**

APPROVAL NO. 80865-01-00

APPLICATION NO. 004-80865

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 03 , 2009

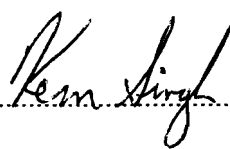
EXPIRY DATE: February 1, 2019

APPROVAL HOLDER: Umicore Canada Inc.

ACTIVITY: **CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND RECLAMATION OF THE**
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Fort Saskatchewan metals and chemical manufacturing plant
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IS SUBJECT TO THE ATTACHED TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Designated Director under the Act 

Date Signed February 03 , 2009

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PART 1: DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.1: DEFINITIONS

- 1.1.1 All definitions from the Act and the regulations apply except where expressly defined in this approval.
- 1.1.2 In all PARTS of this approval:
- (a) "Act" means the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c.E-12, as amended;
 - (b) "application" means the written submissions to the Director in respect of application number 004-80865 and any subsequent applications for amendments of approval number 80865-01-00;
 - (c) "Director" means an employee of the Government of Alberta designated as a Director under the Act;
 - (d) "Effluent Management System" means the various ponds which are operated by the Sherritt International Corporation Fort Saskatchewan plant that accept industrial wastewater effluent streams and industrial runoff effluent streams, respectively, for transfer to the Alberta Capital Region Wastewater Treatment Commission;
 - (e) "EnviroVista Stewardship Agreement" means the Agreement entered into by the approval holder and the Minister of Environment setting out the mutual obligations for the approval holder's participation in the Champion Level of the EnviroVista Program to recognize and promote environmental excellence;
 - (f) "FAP" means the Fort Saskatchewan Regional Air Monitoring Society for the regional ambient air monitoring network established and operated by the Fort Air Partnership and as described in the application;
 - (g) "ISO 17025" means the international standard, developed and published by International Organization for Standardization (ISO), specifying management and technical requirements for laboratories;
 - (h) "industrial runoff" means precipitation that falls on or traverses the plant developed area;
 - (i) "industrial wastewater" means the composite of liquid wastes and water-carried wastes, any portion of which results from any industrial process carried on at the plant;

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- (j) "plant" means all buildings, structures, process and pollution abatement equipment, vessels, storage facilities, material handling facilities, roadways, pipelines and other installations, and includes the land, located on Lot 40, Block 0, Plan 9723930 and Lot 43, Block 0, Plan 9723931, all in Township 55, Range 22, West of the 4th Meridian, that is being or has been used or held for or in connection with the metals and chemical manufacturing plant; and
- (k) "year" means calendar year.

PART 2: GENERAL

SECTION 2.1: GENERAL

- 2.1.1 The approval holder shall immediately report to the Director by telephone any contravention of the terms and conditions of this approval at 1-780-422-4505.
- 2.1.2 The approval holder shall submit a written report to the Director within 7 days of the reporting pursuant to 2.1.1.
- 2.1.3 The terms and conditions of this approval are severable. If any term or condition of this approval or the application of any term or condition is held invalid, the application of such term or condition to other circumstances and the remainder of this approval shall not be affected thereby.
- 2.1.4 Within 60 days of written notice by either party of the termination of the EnviroVista Stewardship Agreement, the approval holder shall submit to the Director an application to amend this approval to address operation of the plant after termination of the EnviroVista Stewardship Agreement.
- 2.1.5 The approval holder shall immediately notify the Director in writing if any of the following events occurs:
 - (a) the approval holder is served with a petition into bankruptcy;
 - (b) the approval holder files an assignment in bankruptcy or Notice of Intent to make a proposal;
 - (c) a receiver or receiver-manager is appointed;
 - (d) an application for protection from creditors is filed for the benefit of the approval holder under any creditor protection legislation; or
 - (e) any of the assets which are the subject matter of this approval are seized for any reason.

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- 2.1.6 If the approval holder monitors for any substances or parameters which are the subject of operational limits as set out in this approval more frequently than is required and using procedures authorized in this approval, then the approval holder shall provide the results of such monitoring as an addendum to the reports required by this approval.
- 2.1.7 *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* Approval No. 80865-00-00, as amended, is cancelled.

SECTION 2.2: RECORD KEEPING

- 2.2.1 The approval holder shall record and retain all the following information in respect of any sampling conducted or analyses performed in accordance with this approval for a minimum of ten years, unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Director:
- (a) the place, date and time of sampling;
 - (b) the dates the analyses were performed;
 - (c) the analytical techniques, methods or procedures used in the analyses;
 - (d) the names of the persons who collected and analyzed each sample; and
 - (e) the results of the analyses.

SECTION 2.3: ANALYTICAL REQUIREMENTS

- 2.3.1 The approval holder shall analyze all samples that are required to be obtained by this approval in a laboratory accredited pursuant to ISO 17025, as amended, for the specific parameter(s) to be analyzed, unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Director.
- 2.3.2 The approval holder shall comply with the terms and conditions of any written authorization issued by the Director under 2.3.1.

SECTION 2.4: OTHER

- 2.4.1 All tanks shall conform to the *Guideline for Secondary Containment for Above Ground Storage Tanks*, Alberta Environment, 1997, as amended, unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Director.

PART 3: OPERATIONS

- 3.1.1 The approval holder shall not operate the process equipment unless and until the pollution abatement equipment associated with the process equipment is operating.

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PART 4: LIMITS AND MONITORING

SECTION 4.1: AIR

4.1.1 Releases of the following substances to the atmosphere shall not exceed the limits specified in TABLE 4.1-A.

TABLE 4.1-A: AIR EMISSION SOURCE LIMITS

EMISSION SOURCE	PARAMETER	LIMIT
Vent Condenser Stacks	Free Ammonia	5.0 kg/hr cumulative total
Autoclave Flash Tank Exhaust Stack	Free Ammonia	1.3 kg/hr
All Dust Collector Exhaust Stacks and Vents	Particulate Matter	0.20 g/kg of effluent each

4.1.2 Air monitoring shall, at a minimum, comply with:

- (a) the *Alberta Stack Sampling Code*, Alberta Environment, 1995 as amended; and
- (b) the *Air Monitoring Directive*, Alberta Environment, 1989, as amended.

4.1.3 The approval holder shall monitor the following emission sources as specified in TABLE 4.1-B.

TABLE 4.1-B: AIR EMISSION SOURCE MONITORING

EMISSION SOURCE	PARAMETER	FREQUENCY	METHOD OF MONITORING	METHOD OF ANALYSIS
Vent Condenser Stacks	Free Ammonia	To be determined by the Approval Holder	Manual Stack Survey	Alberta Stack Sampling Code
Autoclave Flash Tank Exhaust Stack	Free Ammonia			
All Dust Collector Exhaust Stacks and Vents	Particulate Matter			

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AMBIENT AIR MONITORING

- 4.1.4 The approval holder shall operate, or cause to be operated, a regional airshed network for the monitoring of ambient air, in a manner satisfactory to the Director.
- 4.1.5 Pursuant to 4.1.4, the approval holder shall participate as a funding member of FAP, or another regional ambient air monitoring network as authorized in writing by the Director.
- 4.1.6 The approval holder shall notify the Director, or cause the Director to be notified, if FAP amends the regional ambient air monitoring network as described in the application.
- 4.1.7 The approval holder shall immediately apply to the Director to amend the Ambient Air Monitoring and Reporting requirements contained herein upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
- (a) FAP ceasing to operate; or
 - (b) the approval holder ceasing to participate as a funding member of FAP,
- unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Director.

SECTION 4.2: WATER

- 4.2.1 The approval holder shall only release industrial wastewater and industrial runoff:
- (a) for use within the plant;
 - (b) to an ERCB licensed deep disposal well; or
 - (c) to the ponds designated to accept the wastewater effluents and runoff, respectively, within the Effluent Management System,
- unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Director.
- 4.2.2 The approval holder shall obtain all drinking water from an approved potable water facility or from a bottled water supply company.

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SECTION 4.3: GROUNDWATER AND SOILS

- 4.3.1 The approval holder shall conduct monitoring activities to determine potential impacts on soil and groundwater from the plant activities.

PART 5: REPORTING

- 5.1.1 Air reporting shall, at a minimum, comply with the *Air Monitoring Directive*, Alberta Environment, 1989, as amended.
- 5.1.2 The approval holder shall, on or before March 31 of each year following the year that the information was collected, submit to the Director an annual report that includes, at a minimum, all of the following information:
- (a) a summary of the air emission source monitoring conducted in accordance with Section 4.1 of this approval;
 - (b) an overview of the ambient air monitoring undertaken in accordance with Section 4.1 of this approval, including, at a minimum, a description of any exceedence of the Alberta Ambient Air Quality Objectives that may have occurred due to the plant's operations, including the potential cause of the exceedence;
 - (c) a summary of the monitoring data collected through the year with respect to the Groundwater and Soils requirements of Section 4.3 of this approval;
 - (d) a summary of any exceedences relative to the limits identified in Part 4 of this approval; and
 - (e) any other information as required in writing by the Director.

PART 6: REGIONAL INITIATIVES

- 6.1.1 The approval holder shall prepare and submit an Air Emission Reduction Study following the outcomes outlined by the Industrial Heartland Cumulative Effects Air Management Program or other programs that are developed by Alberta Environment under the Industrial Heartland Cumulative Effects Project, when notified in writing by the Director.

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- 6.1.2 The study referred to in subsection 6.1.1 shall include the following information:
- (a) identify how the approval holder will meet the requirements outlined by the Industrial Heartland Cumulative Effects Air Management Program, or other programs that are developed by Alberta Environment under the Industrial Heartland Cumulative Effects Project, using the most technically feasible and cost-effective reduction options;
 - (b) provide a detailed explanation of how cost effectiveness was determined;
 - (c) provide an estimate of the timeframe that will be required to implement each emission reduction option if it were required; and
 - (d) any other information requested in writing by the Director.
- 6.1.3 The approval holder shall implement the Air Emission Reduction Study as authorized in writing by the Director or by an amendment to this approval.
- 6.1.4 The approval holder shall prepare and submit an Industrial Wastewater Management Study following the outcomes outlined by Alberta Environment's Water Management Framework for the Industrial Heartland and Capital Region or other programs that are developed by Alberta Environment under the Industrial Heartland Cumulative Effects Project, when notified in writing by the Director.
- 6.1.5 The study referred to in subsection 6.1.4 shall include the following information:
- (a) identify how the approval holder will meet the requirements outlined by Alberta Environment's Water Management Framework for the Industrial Heartland and Capital Region or other programs that are developed by Alberta Environment under the Industrial Heartland Cumulative Effects Project, using the most technically feasible and cost-effective reduction or upgrade options;
 - (b) provide a detailed explanation of how cost effectiveness was determined;
 - (c) provide an estimate of the timeframe that will be required to implement each reduction or upgrade option if it were required; and
 - (d) any other information requested in writing by the Director.
- 6.1.6 The approval holder shall implement the Industrial Wastewater Management Study as authorized in writing by the Director or by an amendment to this approval.

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PART 7: RECLAMATION

- 7.1.1 The approval holder shall apply for an amendment to this approval to reclaim the plant by submitting a Decommissioning and Land Reclamation Plan to the Director.
- 7.1.2 The Decommissioning and Land Reclamation Plan referred to in 7.1.1 shall be submitted within six months of the plant ceasing operation, except for repairs and maintenance, unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Director.
- 7.1.3 The approval holder shall implement the Decommissioning and Land Reclamation Plan as authorized by the Director.

DATED February 03, 2009



DESIGNATED DIRECTOR UNDER THE ACT

ENVIROVISTA PROGRAM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

CHAMPION LEVEL STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made as of the 3rd day of February, 2009.

BETWEEN:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ALBERTA
as represented by the Minister of the Environment
("Alberta Environment")

-and-

UMICORE CANADA INC.
a corporation incorporated under the laws of Alberta carrying on business at its
Fort Saskatchewan Umicore Canada Inc. Plant located on
Lot 40, Block 0, Plan 9723930 and Lot 43, Block 0, Plan 9723931,
all in Township 55, Range 22, West of the 4th Meridian
("Umicore")

PURPOSE:

Alberta Environment and Umicore enter into this agreement for the purpose of recognizing and promoting Umicore's voluntary environmental leadership and stewardship.

WHEREAS:

Alberta Environment administers the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act ("EPEA"), and regulates activities under the EPEA;

Alberta Environment has developed a new framework called the EnviroVista Program (the "Program") to promote environmental leadership and stewardship among qualified holders of approvals under EPEA;

Umicore Canada Inc. holds Approval Number 80865-01-00 issued under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act as a Metals and Chemical Manufacturing Plant for the production of fine cobalt powders and aqua ammonia;

Umicore has applied and been accepted to participate in the Champion Level of the Program with respect to the Umicore Canada Inc. Plant located in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta (the "Plant");

By participating in the Champion Level of the Program, Umicore has committed to achieving environmental performance measures and other commitments ("Commitments" or "EnviroVista Commitments") with respect to the Plant, as described herein;

In return for participating in the Champion Level, Alberta Environment has committed to providing certain support and recognition to Umicore, as described herein; and

Alberta Environment and Umicore have agreed to enter into this Agreement to set forth their respective rights and obligations in the context of the Champion Level of the Program.

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the mutual covenants and terms and conditions herein contained, Alberta Environment and Umicore agree as follows:

1. Umicore agrees to:
 - (a) maintain an Environmental Management System that meets the EnviroVista Leader Level Participation Criterion 1 as described in the EnviroVista Leader's Guidé (Updated August 2006), as amended;
 - (b) perform and deliver the functions, duties, matters and services described in Schedule "A" to this Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "EnviroVista Commitments") to the satisfaction of Alberta Environment; and
 - (c) comply with the requirements of Approval Number 80865-01-00, as amended.
2. Alberta Environment agrees to:
 - (a) provide the support and recognition to Umicore as outlined in Schedule "C" to this Agreement.

TERM

3. The term of this Agreement shall be until the 1st day of February, 2019, unless otherwise terminated.

NOTICE OF BREACH

4. (1) In the case of a finding by the Director of a breach by Umicore in carrying out any of the provisions of this Agreement, the Director may give written notice thereof to Umicore and may specify the time within which to remedy the breach.
 - (2) In making a decision to give notice under subsection (1), the Director shall consider any advice and recommendations from the EnviroVista Program Advisory Committee.

TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

5. Either party may terminate this Agreement, and thus Umicore's participation in the EnviroVista Champion Level of the EnviroVista Program, for any reason, by providing notice to the other party in writing at least 180 days in advance of the intended termination date.

6. (1) Alberta Environment may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without notice to Umicore, if Umicore:
 - (a) breaches any term, condition or provision of this Agreement unless that breach has been remedied by Umicore to the satisfaction of the Director as a result of a notice being issued under 4(1) above;
 - (b) engages in any business, enterprise or undertaking that interferes with its ability to perform under this Agreement;
 - (c) is adjudged bankrupt or makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditor or if a receiver of any type is appointed on account of Umicore's insolvency, or if in the opinion of Alberta Environment, appears to be insolvent; or
 - (d) transfers, assigns or otherwise conveys legal responsibility for the operation of the Plant to another party.
 - (2) Alberta Environment may terminate this Agreement if Alberta Environment, in its sole discretion, terminates (i) the EnviroVista Program, or (ii) the EnviroVista Champion Level of the EnviroVista Program.
 - (3) In the event of termination under subclause (2) above, Alberta Environment shall notify Umicore in writing at least 180 days in advance of the termination date.
 - (4) Termination of this Agreement constitutes termination of Umicore's participation in the Champion Level of the EnviroVista Program.
7. Upon or after termination of this Agreement, Alberta Environment shall be discharged from and have no further obligation under this Agreement to Umicore. Umicore shall forfeit all claims to the Alberta Environment Commitments provided for under Schedule "C" to this Agreement.

GENERAL

8. This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties herein shall be governed and construed according to the laws of the Province of Alberta.
9. The Umicore Environment, Health & Safety Manager is the Umicore designate to act as liaison on behalf of Umicore in respect of any communication with Alberta Environment under this Agreement. The Director is Alberta Environment's designate under this Agreement.
10. All communications required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and may be left, properly addressed, at the office of the addressee, or sent by registered mail, postage prepaid, to the office of the addressee, in either case as follows:
 - (1) If to Alberta Environment, to:
111 Twin Atria Building
4999 – 98 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T6B 2X3

(2) If to Umicore, to:

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 3538
Fort Saskatchewan, AB T8L 2T4

Plant Site Address:
10110 – 114 Street
Fort Saskatchewan, AB T8L 4K2

or such other address as either party may from time to time designate by notice in writing to the other party. Communications may also be delivered by e-mail or by facsimile if an e-mail address or facsimile number, as applicable, is provided. Any communication which is sent by prepaid registered mail shall be deemed to have been given on the second business day after the date of mailing except in the event of an intervening postal strike or service disruption in which case notices shall not be effective until the second business day following the resumption of normal mail service. Communication by e-mail or facsimile shall not be effective unless actually received.

11. The *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* applies to all information and records provided by Umicore to Alberta Environment and to any information and records which are in the custody or under the control of Alberta Environment.
12. Nothing in this Agreement is to be construed as creating an agency, partnership or employment relationship between Umicore and Alberta Environment.
13. There are no terms, conditions, representations or warranties made by Alberta Environment or its agents, officers or employees concerning this Agreement except those terms, conditions and representations as are expressly contained in writing in this Agreement.
14. No change, modification or alteration of this Agreement shall be valid unless it is in writing and signed by the parties hereto, and no course of dealing between the parties shall be construed to alter the terms hereof.
15. Alberta Environment may, from time to time, waive the performance by Umicore of any provision of this Agreement, either before or after the performance is done but a waiver (a) shall not take effect or be binding upon Alberta Environment unless it is in writing signed by Alberta Environment or under its authority, and (b) shall not limit or affect Alberta Environment's rights with respect to any other breach or non performance whether prior or subsequent thereto.
16. Umicore shall not assign this Agreement.
17. This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the EnviroVista Program and shall be deemed to have superseded any and all previous agreements and understandings, whether written or oral, between the parties respecting all rights and obligations as herein described.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Agreement on the first date written above.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN in right of the Province of Alberta, as represented by the Minister of Environment (by his duly authorized Representative)

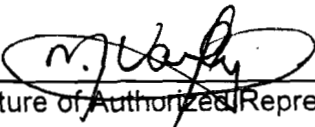
Per: 
(Signature of Authorized Representative)

Print Name: Kem Singh

Position Held: Regional Approvals Manager, Northern Region

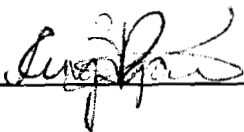
Umicore Canada Inc., by their duly authorized representative

Date Signed by Umicore Canada Inc.: Feb 3/09

Per: 
(Signature of Authorized Representative)

Print Name: Michael Varley

Position Held: Manager, EHS, Supply Chain & I.S.


Witness

ANGELA RYAN
Print Name of Witness

Schedule A – EnviroVista Champion Commitments

Umicore commits to meeting the following EnviroVista Commitments:

- (a) The following, at a minimum, with respect to public involvement and industry leadership:
 - (i) continuing to be an active member of the Northeast Capital Industrial Association (NCIA) and the Fort Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce;
- (b) Maintain an emission management plan based on BATNEEC (best available technology not entailing excessive costs) to minimize point source emissions from process operations. Point sources are defined as:
 - (i) cobalt particulate emissions from dust collectors; and
 - (ii) ammonia emissions from vent condensers.

This objective entails constantly seeking out and evaluating new technology that will allow Umicore to reduce its impact on the environment;
- (c) Maintain a dust monitoring program to evaluate potential exposure of workers and/or the environment to dust generated from Umicore's processes;
- (d) Maintain an energy management plan, which is defined as the ongoing process of evaluating energy consumption within equipment and processes and identifying energy saving measures and implementing them. This may consist of, at a minimum, but not be limited to, the following:
 - (i) updating the facility power and steam balances;
 - (ii) establishing a list of drivers for key energy consumers;
 - (iii) benchmarking process and equipment energy consumption; and
 - (iv) implementing improvement actions with improvements potentially resulting from changes in operating philosophy, equipment changes or improving process efficiencies;
- (e) Investigate and list possible sources of fugitive emissions and develop an action plan to manage fugitive emissions;
- (f) Analyze wastewater streams and investigate alternative disposal options to deepwell disposal when process upsets and third party shutdowns restrict wastewater treatment;
- (g) Continue with a soil management program that includes assessing historical and current practices to ensure the appropriate infrastructure and source control measures are in place to reduce the potential for soil impacts from operations; and
- (h) Make public, on or before March 31 of each year following the year that the information was collected, submit or present to Alberta Environment, an annual EnviroVista Progress Report that includes, at a minimum, the status of each of the commitments listed above.

Schedule B – Regulatory Incentives

Based on the EnviroVista Commitments made by Umicore, the following Regulatory Incentives are provided by Alberta Environment, through Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA) Approval Number 80865-01-00:

- (a) Reduced reporting requirements;
- (b) Flexible emissions source stack sampling frequency, to be determined by the Approval Holder; and
- (c) Non-specified operational requirements, allowing management of Plant operations to be determined by the Approval Holder, and in a manner consistent with the Plant's Environmental Management System.

Schedule C – Alberta Environment Commitments

Alberta Environment commits to provide the Plant the following, upon request of Umicore and within the ability of Alberta Environment:

1. Letters to Elected Officials and Senior Management Officials

ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT will provide letters recognizing the leadership shown by the Plant, commending the Plant for its stewardship commitments and explaining the exclusive nature of the program. Plants may request that letters be sent to the local MLA, to other Government of Alberta Ministers and senior officials, to local officials (ex. Mayors or Reeves) to corporate managers in the parent company of the Plant and to others identified by the Plant (ex. other provincial Ministers, federal officials or Ministers, to financial institutions).

2. Recognition

ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT will develop a Champion level web page on the EnviroVista site. Champion level participants will receive a special certificate of recognition and will have use of a special logo, distinct from the Leader logo. ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT will use its web site to greater effect in recognizing Champion participants, possibly including pictures, stories and testimonials as well as links to the Plant or corporate web page. ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT in its annual conference and in its participation in other public events (ex: Special Weeks) will give special mention to Champion level participants and their achievements. Senior ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT officials, and the Minister will publicly recognize participants in the Champion level when speaking in public.

3. Coordinated Communications with Participating Facilities

ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT will coordinate with Champion level participants on press releases at the time of entry in to the program. Communications would focus on the voluntary beyond regulatory compliance nature of the program and on the partnership approach to environmental management where the department and Plant share responsibility for improvement in environmental outcomes. Such coordination will also be available if a Plant that withdraws is subjected to Program sanctions related to the Stewardship Agreement.

4. Support for Applications for Environmental and other Awards

ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT will provide written support for all participating Champion level Plants' applications for third party environmental awards (ex: Consulting Engineers of Alberta Environmental Awards, Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment Pollution Prevention Awards, Alberta Emerald Awards...). Regulator support of applications for such awards can provide additional credibility and is often a requirement for a complete submission. ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT will post notices on its web page recognizing EnviroVista winners of these awards.

5. Ongoing Participation in Program Development

The program continues to evolve. The Champion level when established puts the basic program framework in place, however there are many enhancements that could be pursued. Bringing other regulatory agencies in to the program (ex. EUB, SRD), offering sector wide participation, offering corporate wide participation, having categories of Champion level agreements (ex. emission related, reclamation related...) are a few concepts that could be explored. Three seats on the EnviroVista Public Advisory Committee are available to Champion level participants.

6. Policy Forums

The Minister of Alberta Environment, or a delegate, will meet annually with executives of Champion level participants to discuss new policy direction by ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT. These forums are an opportunity for company executives to provide input on policy formation and potential regulatory changes.

7. Regulatory and Process Changes

In the longer term, Champion level participants can use the program as a means for identifying regulatory changes that would be incentives to continue to participate in the Program (ex: evergreen approvals, or longer terms between approval renewals for participants...). Champion level participants can also use the program to recommend process changes (ex: increased use of Director discretion to allow amendments to an approval, provided the changes will have no adverse effect on the environment).

8. Priority Treatment in Applications

ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT will move Champion level applications for amendments, renewals and approvals to the front of the applications line.