

Senator wants U.S. support for CNOOC-Nexen deal withheld in order to press China

The Canadian Press

A U.S. senator wants his government to hold up a Chinese state-owned company's \$15.1-billion takeover of Calgary-based Nexen Inc. as a means to press China on its trade policy as the U.S. securities regulator also looks into allegations of insider trading surrounding the deal.

Charles Schumer made his argument in a letter sent Friday to Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, who chairs the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, or CFIUS, a body that reviews foreign investments in U.S. companies.

The New York Democrat wrote that he "sincerely" hopes the friendly deal between China National Offshore Oil Co. and Nexen (TSX:NXY) deal goes through and that Chinese companies continue to invest in the United States.

"But I urge you not to miss this opportunity — the largest foreign acquisition ever by a Chinese company — to hold China to the commitments it has made to provide a level playing field for U.S. companies seeking to access Chinese markets."

Although Nexen (TSX:NXY) is based in Canada, it has offshore holdings in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico and CNOOC said the deal requires approval from regulators in the U.S. Schumer says he expects that means the deal will need the blessing of CFIUS to go ahead.

"While I support foreign investment in North America and the United States, and believe the proposed transaction will benefit the United States and help ensure the continued resurgence of our

domestic energy sector, I believe we must take a long-term perspective," Schumer wrote.

"For far too long, the road toward a normalized trade and investment relationship between the U.S. and China has been a one way street — it's time that we demand equal treatment from China."

Meanwhile on Friday, the Securities and Exchange Commission said it got a court order to freeze assets of Hong Kong traders who bought stock in Nexen before CNOOC announced its plans.

The SEC said Well Advantage Limited and other traders allegedly bought shares in Nexen based on inside information. China's CNOOC announced plans to buy Nexen on Monday for \$15.1 billion.

The SEC said it moved to freeze the assets shortly after Well Advantage tried to sell all of its Nexen stock.

The friendly deal between Nexen and China National Offshore Oil Co. announced Monday needs approval from Investment Canada and the Competition Bureau to go ahead.

The NDP said Friday two of its MPs have written letters to the Chairs of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources and the Standing Committee on Industry asking them to hold public hearings on the takeover proposal.

"The size and scope of this transaction raises important questions and Canadians deserve the opportunity to seek clarity on the commitments that CNOOC is making on protecting jobs, contributing to the community and consulting affected First Nations," New Democrats wrote in their letter.

RCMP charges former Tory adviser with fraud

The Canadian Press

OTTAWA

The dizzying fall, resurrection and steep descent anew of Bruce Carson — from convicted felon to close adviser to Prime Minister Stephen Harper — took another turn Friday with word he'd been charged with influence peddling by the RCMP.

The Mounties issued a brief news release Friday that offered few details, other than that Carson is alleged to have accepted a commission for a third party in connection with a business matter relating to the government.

The RCMP investigation began in March 2011 amid the superheated atmosphere of pre-election Ottawa when the PMO contacted police with allegations Carson had illegally lobbied the federal government on behalf of a company that employed his girlfriend.

There was little hint of PMO rancour when Carson left the prime minister's employ in 2008 to become executive director of the Canada School of Energy and



CP PHOTO JAKE WRIGH
Bruce Carson is shown in Ottawa May 1, 2008. The RCMP says Carson, a former adviser to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, has been charged with influence peddling, also known as fraud on the government.

the Environment — an institution that received \$15 million in government funding.

On Friday, however, the tone was decidedly different.

"Immediately after being informed of these allegations last year, our government referred the matter to the RCMP commissioner, the ethics commissioner and the lobbying commissioner," said PMO spokesman Andrew

MacDougall.

"Any individual who doesn't respect our laws must face their full force as well as the consequences that come with them."

Carson, 66, is charged with one count of fraud on the government, also known as influence peddling, contrary to the Criminal Code. He's scheduled to make his first court appearance on Sept. 10.

Omar Khadr called 'manipulative' in 2nd report Toews is using

The Canadian Press

TORONTO

Guantanamo Bay detainee Omar Khadr tends to blame others for his problems and comes across as defensive and manipulative, a military psychologist concluded in a report the federal government is using as it ponders allowing him to return to Canada.

In the report, U.S. Maj. Alan Hopewell also describes Khadr as mentally stable, generally upbeat, and an independent thinker who identifies himself as a Canadian.

"Omar Khadr repeatedly responded that he made up his own mind and his own decisions," Hopewell states.

"He repeatedly stated ... he

could resist suggestions or directions from others, to include his father, if he felt that these suggestions were in conflict with his own core values or desires."

Hopewell's report dated May 25, 2010, follows a day and half he spent assessing the Canadian citizen at the request of the U.S. government.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews, who possesses a slightly redacted version of the report, is demanding to see the whole document along with the videotape of the session.

Toews maintains he needs the sealed material — along with a video of an assessment done by a psychiatrist, Dr. Michael Welner

— to judge whether Khadr would pose a threat to public safety if he is allowed to serve out his sentence in Canada.

Welner, whose damning view of Khadr as a dangerous, unrepentant jihadist helped persuade a military commission jury to sentence him to 40 years, relied in part on Hopewell's assessment.

The Hopewell report does not indicate that Khadr is a dangerous religious fanatic.

Instead, Hopewell describes a smart, curious and adaptive Khadr who was closer to his mother than to his father, and who sees himself as someone with a "sense of altruism" who wants to help others.



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DP #10044 378 FIRST STREET SE

TAKE NOTICE that the Medicine Hat City Council will be discussing a revised design/conceptual scheme for the property.

A presentation will be held on **Tuesday, August 7, 2012** at approximately **6:30 P.M.** in the City Hall Council Chambers (580 First Street S.E.).

Any person may make representation to City Council and discuss, support, object to or ask questions about the proposed development. Oral submissions are normally restricted to a maximum of five (5) minutes.

If you wish to inspect any other documentation on file with regard to the proposed development, you may do so by attending at the City Clerk Department between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday (City Hall, Second Floor, 580 First Street S.E. T1A 8E6).

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD 18 REDWOOD BAY SE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the following development appeal will be heard by the Medicine Hat Subdivision and Development Appeal Board at a Public Hearing in City Hall Council Chambers, commencing at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, August 16, 2012.

APPEAL #8-2012

Location: 18 Redwood Bay SE (Lot 29, Block 39, Plan 8811296)

Purpose: Setback Waivers

Reason for Appeal: The appellant is appealing the condition to move the shed before the development permit will be released.

On July 18, 2012, a Planning Officer applied a condition to a Development Permit Application to provide for a setback from the Single Detached Dwelling.

Any person who claims to be affected by the proposed development may attend the meeting to discuss, support, object to or ask questions about the proposal. Oral submissions are normally limited to five (5) minutes.

Written/electronic submissions regarding the above appeal (which will become public documents) will be accepted and placed before the Board. All documents must be received by the undersigned by 12:00 Noon, **Monday, August 13, 2012** (Mailing address: 580 First Street SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta, T1A 8E6). Oral Submissions are normally limited to five (5) minutes.

If you wish to inspect any other documentation on file with regard to this matter, you may do so by attending at the City Clerk Department between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday (City Hall, Second Floor, 580 First Street SE).

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DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED JULY 19 TO JULY 25, 2012, PLANNING, BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

- 211 Sterling Cres SE (Lot 14, Block 1, Plan 1111043) Permit No. DP10034. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling.
- 18 Redwood Bay SE (Lot 29, Block 39, Plan 8811296) Permit No. DP10101. With Conditions. Setback Waiver for Shed, AC Unit and Side Yard Deck.
- 230 Somerside Rd SE (Lot 31, Block 10, Plan 1012845) Permit No. DP10113. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling.
- 109 Somerset Rd SE (Lot 3, Block 12, Plan 0812753) Permit No. DP10104. With Conditions. Garage Slab Only.
- 25 Terrace Green NE (Lot 47, Block 6, Plan 0513294) Permit No. DP10105. With Conditions. In-Ground Swimming Pool.
- 177 Hunt Cres NE (Lot 32, Block 17, Plan 0012635) Permit No. DP10106. With Conditions. 8 Additional Roof Mounted Solar Panels.
- 11 Turner Crt SE (Lot 11, Block 50, Plan 9412297) Permit No. DP10108. With Conditions. Waiver for Existing Shed.
- 6-459 Carry Drive SE (Lot -, Block CDE8810578, Plan 8810578) Permit No. DP10114. With Conditions. Existing Enclosed Deck.
- 31 Somerset Link SE (Lot 6, Block 4, Plan 0612243) Permit No. DP10120. With Conditions. Cover for Rear Deck.
- 345 Ranchview Crt NE (Lot 58, Block 13, Plan 0910426) Permit No. DP10122. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling.
- 30 Sterling Link SE (Lot 13, Block 14, Plan 1111043) Permit No. DP10125. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling.
- 558 Dundee Street SE (Lot 12, Block 94, Plan 636M) Permit No. DP10127. With Conditions. Covered Rear Deck.
- 12 Chinook Crt SW (Lot 11, Block 40, Plan 6280JK) Permit No. DP10129. With Conditions. Detached Rear Pergola and Side Yard Setback Waiver.
- 1903 20 Ave SE (Lot 12, Block 3, Plan 2662JK) Permit No. DP10134. With Conditions. Carport Enclosed to Existing Garage.

COMMERCIAL

- 378 1 Street SE (Lot 17 to 19, Block A, Plan 47748) Permit No. DP10044. With Conditions. Change of Use - Residential to Parking Lot.
- 1201 Division Ave NE (Lot -, Block A, Plan 4462JK) Permit No. DP10060. With Conditions. Freestanding Sign.
- 200 7 Street SE (Lot 1 to 40, Block 2 to 4, Z1, Plan 2177M) Permit No. DP10061. With Conditions. Freestanding Sign.
- 477 6 Street SE (Lot 1 to 31, Block 19, Plan 1595M) Permit No. DP10062. With Conditions. Freestanding Sign.
- 439 5 Ave SE (Lot 18-19, Block 32, Plan 36556) Permit No. DP10091. With Conditions. Existing Patio.
- 547 2 Street SE (Lot 13, Block 15, Plan 1491) Permit No. DP10117. With Conditions. Change of Use to Commercial Recreation Facility.

A person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission may appeal to the Medicine Hat Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by completing and submitting to the City Clerk Department, the required Notice of Appeal form within fourteen (14) days of this publication. Notice of Appeal forms are available from the City Clerk Department, Second Floor, City Hall or on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca

Further information on any Development Permit may be obtained from the Planning, Building & Development Services Department, Second Floor, City Hall during normal business hours (Telephone 529-8374).

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The Environmental Utilities Department will test and flush fire hydrants plus water mains until October 2012. This is an annual maintenance activity that maintains water quality and system infrastructure. Residents may notice some discoloring of water, which is not harmful and will disappear when flushing is complete. Fluctuating pressure may also be noticed.

Should discoloration persist beyond three hours, you may wish to flush the water from your home for a few minutes by watering your lawn or running your tap. Please note that the flushing in your home will not correct private plumbing/corrosion problems. Thank you for your understanding.

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