

June 5, 2009

The securities commission or similar regulatory authority in each of the provinces of Canada

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: Nexen Inc. - Final Short Form Base Shelf Prospectus dated June 5, 2009

We refer to the final short form base shelf prospectus of Nexen Inc. (the "**Corporation**") dated June 5, 2009 (the "**Prospectus**"), relating to an offering by the Corporation, from time to time, to purchasers in each of the provinces of Canada of up to \$3,500,000,000 of common shares, class A preferred shares, senior debt securities, subordinated debt securities, subscription receipts, warrants to purchase equity securities and/or warrants to purchase debt securities comprised of one or more of the other securities.

We hereby consent to the use of our firm name under the heading "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus. We also consent to the reference to our opinion under the heading "Enforceability of Civil Liabilities" in the Prospectus.

We have read the Prospectus and have no reason to believe that there are any misrepresentations in the information contained in the Prospectus that are derived from our opinion referred to above or that are within our knowledge as a result of services we provided in the preparation of such opinion.

This letter is provided solely for your information of the addressees hereof for the purpose of assisting the securities regulatory authorities to which it is addressed in discharging their responsibilities and is not to be referred to in whole or in part in the Prospectus or in any other similar document and may not be relied upon for any other purpose.

Yours truly,

BENNETT JONES LLP

(Signed) "Bennett Jones LLP"