



March 5, 2013

Ms. Darlene Davis  
RPS Canada Ltd.  
1545 Birmingham Street  
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2J6

Dear Ms. Davis

**Re: ARKeX Ltd. North Flemish Pass Gravity Gradient Survey, 2013 to 2017  
Environmental Assessment**

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In accordance with Section 138(1)(b) of the *Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation Act* and Section 134(1)(b) of the *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act* and based on the information presented in the project description “*ARKeX Project Description North Flemish Pass Gravity Gradient Survey 2013-2017*” (RPS Company Ltd. February 2013), the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) has determined that an environmental assessment is required for the proposed offshore seismic program.

The C-NLOPB has determined the scope of the project, the factors to be assessed, and the scope of those factors (the Scoping Document). A copy of the Scoping Document is attached for your information and use in preparation of the environmental assessment report. Please note, as stated on page 2 of the Scoping Document,

***The C-NLOPB formally delegates the responsibility for preparation of an acceptable environmental assessment report and any supporting documents to ARKEX Ltd., the project proponent.***

During the review of the draft Scoping Document, regulatory agencies provided review comments. These comments have been consolidated and are attached for your consideration in the preparation of the environmental assessment report.

If you have any questions regarding the environmental assessment process, or wish to discuss the Scope of Project or the attached comments, I may be reached at 709-778-1431 or via email at dhicks@cnlopb.nl.ca.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by Darren Hicks*

Darren Hicks  
Environmental Analyst

Attachments

cc D. Burley