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RE: ARKeX Ltd. and TGS-NOPEC Geophysical Company ASA Labrador Sea Gravity Gradient Survey Commencement on Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Hicks,

Please find below our comments with respect to ARKeX Ltd. and TGS-NOPEC Geophysical Company ASA Labrador Sea Gravity Gradient Survey as well as the identification of our specialists/experts.

The Nunatsiavut Government strongly believes that the Project Description should mention groups that have been or will be consulted. Appropriate and meaningful consultation is necessary and expected. It is also an obligation of the Crown under the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. It is essential that ARKeX Ltd., in partnership with TGS-NOPEC, consult directly with the Nunatsiavut Government on the timing and location of areas of importance to Nunatsiavut fishers and any other fishing related issue. Furthermore, it is imperative that the Nunatsiavut Government be present and involved in any meeting that discusses the proposed project to the commercial fishing community. Recognizing and understanding the importance of the marine ecosystem to the health and wellbeing of Inuit is essential.

Given that the proposed program is 5 years in length, the Nunatsiavut Government insists that meaningful in-person discussions take place with the proponent, university-based

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scientists and the C-NLOPB. This discussion should include, but not be limited to, impacts on fishes, marine mammals and benthic inhabitants as well as a discussion of the risks and benefits of this work for the Inuit of Labrador.

For information and knowledge from our specialist/experts, please contact myself directly, cc'ing [REDACTED] on all correspondence. We will either provide the necessary information or contact the appropriate knowledge holder:

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Sincerely,

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