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To: C-NLOPB

Subject: RE: ARKeX Ltd. and TGS-NOPEC ASA Labrador Sea Gravity Gradient Survey 2014-2018

Good Afternoon Darren,

Transport Canada has reviewed the project description and provides the following advice;

Option 1 - Fixed Wing Aircraft

Project aircraft must comply with the applicable regulations and standards for operation in Canada (i.e. Civil Aviation Regulations; NAFTA requirements).

Option 2 - Dedicated Marine Vessel

All project vessels must comply with the applicable regulations under the Canada Shipping Act, 2001 (CSA 2001) and applicable International Maritime Organization (IMO) standards.

More specifically:

- Project vessels registered in Canada must comply with all applicable provisions of the Regulations pursuant to the CSA 2001. In addition, the operation must comply with provisions under the Maritime Occupational and Health Regulations pursuant to Part II of the Canada Labour Code;
- Project vessels registered in a foreign country must apply for a Coasting Trade Permit issued under the Coasting Trade Act. This means that the vessel would comply with all applicable regulations under IMO Conventions. The Coasting Trade Permit is actually issued by Canadian Customs in consultation with CTA and TC.

TC has reviewed the Scoping Document and has nothing further to add given that the use of marine vessels and aircraft are considered. TC is available to review the CNLOPB's environmental assessment documentation and offer departmental expertise if required. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

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Hello all: please see the attached project description for a proposed geophysical program for the Labrador Sea and Northeast NL Slope areas of the Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Area, as proposed by ARKEX Ltd. and TGS-NOPEC ASA. I have also attached a DRAFT scoping document for your review and input as well as our letter requesting input. Please provide your response no later than January 28, 2014. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Regards Darren

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