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**Re: BHP Canada Exploration Drilling Project EL 1157 and 1158 Seabed Survey Environmental Assessment**

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On December 20th, 2019, BHP Canada (BHP) submitted to the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) an environmental assessment report for the proposed visual survey of the seabed using a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) or autonomous underwater vehicle (AUV) at potential drilling locations on ELs 1157 and 1158 in the Eastern Area of the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Area from 2020 until 2025. The enclosed report, *BHP Canada Exploration Drilling Project EL 1157 and 1158 Seabed Survey Environmental Assessment* (Stantec December 2019) describes these activities for this area.

The environmental assessment report was completed in accordance with the scoping document provided by the C-NLOPB on October 7, 2019.

Please review the enclosed environmental assessment report and forward comments to me no later than **February 10, 2020**. If no comments are received by this date then the C-NLOPB will assume that your department or agency has no comments. If you have any questions regarding the environmental assessment report, you may contact me at 709-778-1482 or by email at [imurphy@cnlopb.ca](mailto:imurphy@cnlopb.ca).

Yours truly,

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