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Sent by E-mail

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Dear Mr. Drinkwater,

SUBJECT: Outcome of Conformity Review of Round II Information Requirements for the proposed Newfoundland Orphan Basin Exploration Drilling Project

On August 26, 2019, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) received responses from BP Canada Energy Group ULC (BP) to all Round II Information Requirements (IRs) sent to BP by the Agency on July 26, 2019. The Agency determined that the responses provided to the Round II IRs by BP are sufficient to proceed to technical review. The Agency will commence a technical review of the IR responses, during which it will seek input from federal authorities and Indigenous groups. The Agency may request further information based on the outcome of the technical review. The timeline for the environmental assessment will resume as of August 31, 2019. For further information, please consult the Agency document *Information Requests and Timelines* <u>https://www.canada.ca/en/environmental-assessment-agency/news/media-room/media-room-2016/information-requests-timelines.html</u>.

This letter may be shared with Indigenous groups and posted on the Impact Assessment of Canada Registry Internet Site: <u>https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80147</u>.

Should BP have any questions regarding the technical review, please contact me at 902-399-8834 or via email at <u>ceaa.orphanbasin-bassinorphan.acee@canada.ca</u>

Sincerely, <Original signed by>

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