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Mr. Scott Grindal
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Dear Mr. Grindal:

**Re: ConocoPhillips Laurentian Subbasin Seismic Program, 2010 to 2013
CEA Act Environmental Assessment**

In accordance with the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) and based on the information presented in the project description “*Laurentian Subbasin Seismic Program – Project Description*” (ConocoPhillips Canada 2009), the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) has determined that a screening level of environmental assessment is required for the proposed exploration drilling 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 1 of the Scoping Document,

The C-NLOPB has determined that the environmental assessment report and any supporting documents to be submitted by ConocoPhillips Canada will fulfill the requirements of a Screening under the CEAA. The C-NLOPB, therefore, pursuant to Section 17 (1) of the CEAA, formally delegates the responsibility for preparation of an acceptable Screening environmental assessment to ConocoPhillips Canada, the project proponent. The C-NLOPB will prepare the Screening Report, which will include the determination of significance.

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

If you have any questions regarding the CEEA 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 D. Hicks

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Attachments

cc D. Burley