



October 4, 2010

Ms. Dena Murphy
Manager, Quality, Health, Safety and Environment
Corridor Resources Inc.
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Dear Ms. Murphy:

**Re: Corridor Resources Inc. – Old Harry Prospect
2010-2020 Geohazard Survey Environmental Assessment**

The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) has reviewed the environmental assessment (EA) information regarding the proposed geohazard survey program in the Gulf of St. Lawrence area as described in the “*Environmental Assessment of the Old Harry Prospect Geohazard Program 2010-2020*” (Stantec August 2010) and Corridor’s September 7, 2010 reports on consultations held following submission of the Environmental Assessment report. The C-NLOPB, as a Responsible Authority under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, has completed the environmental assessment determination respecting the Project. A copy of our determination is enclosed for your information.

The reports referenced above describe the Project in sufficient detail and provide an acceptable assessment of the potential environmental effects of the Project. We have considered this information and the advice of the Board’s advisory agencies and have determined, in accordance with Section 20(1)(a) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEA Act) that the proposed project, following the application of mitigation measures, is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

An updated EA Report that contains revised (August 27, 2010) fisheries figures and the September 7, 2010 consultation report should be submitted to the C-NLOPB for our records.

At the time of application for subsequent program authorizations in the Project Area, Corridor Resources Inc. will be required to provide information to the C-NLOPB. This information should outline the proposed activities, confirm that the proposed program activities fall within the scope of the previously assessed program, and indicate if, with this information, the EA predictions remain valid. In addition, Corridor Resources Inc. shall provide information regarding the adaptive management of requirements of the SARA into program activities (e.g., introduction of new species or critical habitat to Schedule 1; additional mitigations; implementation of recovery strategies and/or monitoring plans). If there are any changes in the scope or if new information becomes available that may alter the EA conclusions, then a revised EA will be required at the time of authorization application and/or renewal.

The following conditions are recommended to be appended to authorizations granted by the C-NLOPB for the geohazard survey program, as described in the environmental assessment report referenced above:

- *Corridor Resources Inc. shall implement or cause to be implemented, all the policies, practices, recommendations and procedures for the protection of the environment included in or referred to in the Application and in the “Environmental Assessment of the Old Harry Prospect Geohazard Program 2010-2020” (Stantec August 2010) and the Consultation Report (Corridor Resources September 7, 2010).*
- *Corridor Resources Inc., or its contractors, shall shut down the seismic airgun array if a marine mammal or sea turtle listed as **Endangered or Threatened** (as per Schedule 1 of SARA) is observed in the safety zone during ramp- up procedures and when the array is active. The safety zone shall have a radius of at least 500 m, as measured from the centre of the air source array(s).*

If you have any questions on the attached, or wish to discuss the environmental assessment review process, I may be reached at 709-778-4232 or via email at eyoung@cnlopb.nl.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by E. Young

Elizabeth Young
Environmental Assessment Officer

Enclosure

cc D. Burley