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Dear Mr. Hicks:

As requested, the Department of National Defence (DND) has reviewed the report entitled "Environmental Assessment of the Old Harry Prospect Exploration Drilling Program" (Stantec, 2011) and its supporting documents, as provided to DND by the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (CNLOPB) in a letter dated 22 December 2011 and later revised on 12 January 2012.

The following was observed during the review:

- a. The first part of the first sentence in section 5.8.2.6 of the report is not accurate. DND may use the general area;
- b. The context in which the figure is referred to in the text is not accurate - i.e. the figure does not indicate "military use", it indicates UXO;
- c. FSE does not have a record of providing this figure to the agency for this project, therefore; its proper source should be referenced; and
- d. The mitigation section of the report should note that should any suspected UXO be encountered during the course of the proponent's operations, it should not be disturbed/manipulated. The proponent should mark the location and immediately inform the Coast Guard. Additional information is available in the 2011 Annual Edition - Notices to Mariners, Section F, No.37.

The attached response was provided to the CNLOPB on 1 April 2011 (revised from the original submission of 24 March 2011 to correct the proponent's name.

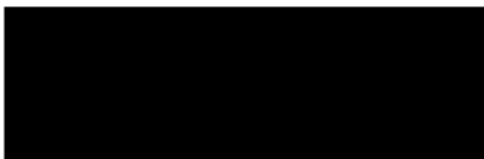
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DND requests that Corridor Resources responds to the concerns identified above in a letter to the undersigned, with the intent to address the comments in the final report.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Carol Lee Giffin
Formation Safety and Environmental Officer
for Commander

Enclosure: 1

Federal Coordination Regulations
Section 6 - Record of Determination

Project Title: Exploratory Drilling on EL 1105 – Old Harry Prospect
Location: Offshore Western Newfoundland
Proponent: Corridor Resources Inc.

FEDERAL AUTHORITY: Department of National Defence
NAME & TITLE: Carol Lee Giffin, Formation, Safety and Environment Officer
SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: 24 Mar 11

In accordance with the Section 6 of the Federal Coordination Regulations, under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), the Federal Authority identified above, has reviewed the project description and advises you of the following:

(a) it is **likely** to require an environmental assessment of the project

Trigger Proponent Funding
 Land Transfer Law List

Law List Trigger: _____

(b) it is **not likely** to require an environmental assessment of the project

(c) it is **in possession** of specialist or expert information or knowledge that is necessary to conduct the environmental assessment of the project

Please Note:

1. DND is likely to be operating in the vicinity of the study area in a non-interference manner during the 2012 to 2014 timeframe.

2. A search of the UXO records was conducted to determine the possible presence of UXO within the Corridor Resources Exploration Well on the Old Harry Project.

Our records indicate no wrecks are present within the survey area.

Given our understanding of the survey activities to be conducted, the associated UXO risk is assessed as negligible. Nonetheless, due to the inherent dangers associated with UXO and the fact that the Atlantic Ocean was exposed to many naval engagements during WWII, should any suspected UXO be encountered during the course of the proponent's operations, it should not be disturbed/manipulated. The proponent should mark the location and immediately inform the Coast Guard. Additional information is available in the 2010 Annual Edition - Notices to Mariners, Section F, No.37.

Further UXO general information is available at our website at [*www.uxocanada.forces.gc.ca](http://www.uxocanada.forces.gc.ca)

OR

(d) additional information is required to make a determination

If the answer to (d) is "yes", the Regulations require that the additional information be requested within 10 days after making the determination.

Identify the contact person for the environmental assessment, if different from above.

Name & Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone/Fax: _____

e-mail: _____

Please return via fax, by **March 28, 2011**, to:
Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board, Attention: Darren Hicks
Fax Number 709-778-1432