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**RE:** Corridor's Response to Comments Received on August 20, 2013, from the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB), regarding the Old Harry Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Young,

Thank you for forwarding the comments from the regulatory authorities and the Ecojustice letter regarding our Old Harry Environmental Assessment (EA). The final set of comments was received by Corridor on August 20, 2013. Corridor Resources Inc. (Corridor) and its consultants are proud of the tremendous amount of effort we have collectively put into the development of our EA, and we appreciate any science-based feedback that will enhance its quality. Corridor has worked diligently and sincerely in responding to regulatory review comments on the Old Harry EA. This EA process for the drilling of a single exploration well at Old Harry is now in its third year and we look forward to the conclusion of this process and a timely determination on the Old Harry EA.

With respect to the comments, Corridor has consulted with SL Ross Environmental Research (SLR) and Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Stantec) in the preparation of our responses, which are included in attachments to this letter. As you know, our consultants have a depth of experience and have worked for most of the oil and gas companies operating offshore in Eastern Canada. Attachment #1 includes our response to the regulatory agency comments and Attachment #2 includes our response to the Ecojustice comments. This submission will constitute an update to our EA document instead of another full revision of the EA main document, as previously discussed with you.

To put our responses in Attachment #1 in context, although Environment Canada (EC) has noted several remaining issues, they also note that there is little to be gained by further iterations of this exercise. Corridor has provided some comments on the issues and clarifications of the work we have completed, and we agree with EC that there is little to be gained by further iterations of this exercise. The latest comments from Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) have also been addressed in the table in Attachment #1. Corridor does believe that the spill modeling conducted by its consultants provides an appropriate level of scientific rigor. As with any scientists who are studying an issue, there are often variations in scientific opinion on certain aspects of the work or research.

With respect to the Ecojustice comments, Corridor would like to highlight that some of the issues identified by this group are broader in nature than the scope of the Old Harry EA and the review of a single exploration well at Old Harry, and as such are perhaps more appropriate for consideration by the C-NLOPB and other government agencies. Some of the comments, in particular those related to spill modeling that do specifically relate to the drilling of a single exploration well at Old Harry, have already been covered through Corridor's responses to other regulatory agency questions on spill

Modeling. Therefore, in Attachment #2 Corridor has summarized where appropriate, instead of repeating in detail, responses already provided in previous submissions.

In addition to completing an EA, there are many other elements that comprise an application to drill an offshore exploration well. The Acts and Regulations outline the detailed submissions that must be vetted and approved by the C-NLOPB to ensure that safe and environmentally responsible drilling activities are conducted in the Newfoundland and Labrador offshore area. We are confident that Corridor has filed a thorough EA with the C-NLOPB and that this, together with the other components of the regulatory application process, will demonstrate our capacity to drill an exploratory well safely, and in an environmentally-responsible manner. The drilling of an exploration well is a first step in determining the potential of a geologic structure. If the drilling of the well shows promising results, there is an additional comprehensive regulatory approval process for development projects.

If you have any questions or require any further clarifications, please contact me at 902-429-4511.

Sincerely Yours

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Attachments