

July 8, 2023

Emil Polasek Well Operations Superintendent ExxonMobil Canada properties 20 Hebron Way, St. John's, NL A1A 0L9

Dear Mr. Polasek:

## Subject: CSO Approval of Annual Lifeboat Launching Drill – Alternative Arrangements

We have reviewed your letter dated June 20, 2023 and approve the proposed alternate means to test the integrity and operation of the lifeboats and launching equipment onboard the MODU Hercules in lieu of actual lifeboat launches. This approval is in accordance with Section 30(3) of the *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Occupational Health and Safety Regulations*.

The simulated launching of the lifeboats has been accepted as the owner is seeking CSO approval related to simulated launch versus actual launch aspect of the regulation. All necessary inspections and operational integrity checks were conducted in compliance with the regulations.

Therefore, the basis of the CSO approval is valid until April 2024.

C-NLOPB will post a copy of the application and this CSO Approval on the C-NLOPB website.

Sincerely,

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