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**Re: Summary of Indigenous Consultation - Environmental Assessment for the Western Newfoundland Controlled Source Electromagnetic Survey, submitted to the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board.**

Dear Mr. Tessier:

I am writing to provide a summary of the consultations and comments received on Electromagnetic Geoservices Canada Inc.'s (EMGS) environmental assessment (EA) for a proposed controlled source electromagnetic (CSEM) survey in the Western Area of the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Area.

On July 19, 2017, Natural Resources Canada sent letters to forty-seven Indigenous groups (see attached distribution list) in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador inviting comments on the proposed CSEM Survey EA. The deadline for comments was August 19, 2017. Below, is a summary of the comments received.

The Mi'kmaq Confederacy of Prince Edward Island expressed no specific concerns with the CSEM survey project, however noted the significance of the area in relation to Aboriginal and treaty rights, including Food Social and Ceremonial fisheries. Please be advised that the Mi'kmaq of Prince Edward Island expressed interest in participation in the EA for the Old Harry project, should it be pursued.

The Conseil des Innus de Pessamit requested additional information on the effects of the project. The Innus of Pessamit were invited to direct their questions to EMGS for response. A follow-up email was sent following the close of the comment period but no further requests or comments were received.

The Conseil des Innus de Ekuanitshit advised that it collaborates with the Malécite of Viger and the Mi'gmaq of Gespe'gewa'gi on oil and gas development in the Gulf of St. Lawrence (in the Innu-Maliseet-Mi'gmaq Alliance for the Protection of the Gulf). They requested additional time and capacity funding to comment. In response, my office offered to arrange a meeting/teleconference call to discuss any issues with the proponent, and nine additional days were provided for the submission of comments. Although there was interest in a meeting, the

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Innu of Ekuanitshit advised that it could not meet until mid October (after the projected commencement of the survey in the first week of October). Additional comments were submitted August 29, 2017, which outlined the importance of salmon in the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the Innu, Malécite and Mi'gmaq. Other concerns raised in relation to the EA report included: lack of information on potential effects on Aboriginal rights, mischaracterization of the Aboriginal commercial fishery, lack of information on effects of noise and mitigation measures for marine mammals, and the assessment of cumulative effects of noise. Procedural concerns raised in the August 29 letter included: inadequate consultation stemming primarily from the timing and time available for consultation, as well as the lack of capacity funding provided. Based on the view that there has been inadequate consultation, the Innu of Ekuanitshit have requested that project approval be withheld.

The Mi'gmawei Mawiomi Secretariat (MMS), representing the Gesgape'gewa'gi Mi'gmaq governing councils of Gesgapegiag, Gespeg and Listuguj, stated they have concerns regarding the project, but no project specific issues were noted. The MMS stated it was not in receipt of the notification letters sent July 19, 2017, and requested that the consultation request be resent to the MMS Consultation and Accommodation Unit and the comment period be restarted. In response, my office offered to arrange a meeting/teleconference with the proponent to discuss concerns with the project.

I trust these comments will help inform next steps in the environmental assessment process. I would be pleased to discuss this further with you and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, should this be of interest to you.

Sincerely,



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**CSEM Electromagnetic Survey Environmental Assessment  
Notification -Indigenous Groups**

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