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Lars Petter Solevåg
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Dear Mr. Solevåg:

Re: Electromagnetic Geoservices Canada Inc. (EMGS) Controlled Source Electromagnetic Survey in the Orphan Basin and South Bank Environmental Assessment

The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB), in consultation with the C-NLOPB's fishery and environmental advisory agencies, has reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) information regarding the proposed program as described in the *EMGS 2022 Controlled-source Electromagnetic Survey* (Stantec Consulting Ltd. May 30, 2022) and the *EMGS 2022 Controlled-source Electromagnetic Survey Response to Regulator Comments* (Stantec August 19, 2022).

The C-NLOPB has completed its EA determination respecting the Project. The EA Report and associated correspondence, as 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 Boards' advisory agencies and have determined that the proposed project, following the application of mitigation measures, is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects. A copy of our EA Review Form is enclosed for your information.

Prior to commencement of the Project, the Operator shall submit a table that lists all of the environmental commitments and mitigation measures made by the Operator during the EA process with the subsequent status of those commitments and measures. We note that as an outcome of the EA process, EMGS committed to conducting live and systematic stranded seabird observations as per guidance issued by the Canadian Wildlife Service. Please advise when seabird observers have been contracted. An Environmental Compliance Officer will conduct a compliance verification activity with the observer(s) to ensure the requirements for seabird monitoring are well understood.

The following conditions will be appended to authorization granted by the C-NLOPB for the program:

- *The Operator 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 EMGS 2022 Controlled-source Electromagnetic Survey Environmental Assessment (Stantec May 30 2022), and the EMGS 2022 Controlled-source Electromagnetic Survey Response to Regulator Comments (Stantec August 19 2022).*

- *A report on mitigation and monitoring identified in the EA, and undertaken during the program, should be submitted to the C-NLOPB by January 31, 2023 in a format that is suitable for public release (e.g. PDF). The report should include a description of the mitigation and monitoring measures identified in the EA, and implemented during the program as well as the assessment of the effectiveness of these measures. It shall include, but not be limited to, electronic copies of marine mammal and seabird observer reports that were produced during the program.*

If you have any questions on the attached, or wish to discuss the EA review process, I may be reached via email at moss@cnlopb.ca.

Yours truly,

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Enclosure

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