



May 26, 2017

Mr. Todd Ralph  
Project Manager  
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File No. 21006-020-001

Dear Mr. Ralph:

**Re: Fugro GeoSurveys Offshore Seafloor and Seep Sampling Program, 2017-2027  
Environmental Assessment**

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In accordance with Section 138(1)(b) of the *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Act* and Section 134(1)(b) of the *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act* and based on the information presented in the *Offshore Seafloor and Seep Sampling Program (2017-2027): Project Description* (Stantec April 25, 2017), the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) has determined that an environmental assessment is required for the proposed offshore program.

The C-NLOPB has determined the scope of the project, the factors to be assessed, and the scope of those factors (the Scoping Document). A copy of the Scoping Document is attached for your information and use in preparation of the environmental assessment report. Please note, as stated on page 2 of the Scoping Document,

***The C-NLOPB formally delegates the responsibility for preparation of an acceptable environmental assessment report and any supporting documents to Fugro GeoSurveys, the project proponent.***

During the review of the draft Scoping Document, regulatory agencies provided review comments. These comments have been consolidated and are attached for your consideration in the preparation of the environmental assessment report. The C-NLOPB encourages the proponent to visit the project webpage <http://www.cnlopb.ca/assessments/fugrogeosurv.php> to review the individual submissions.

If you have any questions regarding the environmental assessment process, or wish to discuss the Scope of Project or the attached comments, I may be reached at 709-778-1431 or via email at [dhicks@cnlopb.ca](mailto:dhicks@cnlopb.ca).

Yours truly,

*Original signed by Darren Hicks*

Darren Hicks  
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