



July 5, 2018

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Dear Mr. Ralph:

File No. 21006-020-001/07

Re: Fugro GeoSurveys Offshore Seafloor and Seep Sampling Program, 2017-2027 – EA Amendment

The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB), in consultation with the Board's fishery and environmental review agencies, has reviewed the: "*Offshore Seafloor and Seep Sampling Program (2017-2027) Environmental Assessment Amendment*" (Stantec Consulting Ltd. May 29, 2018); the *Offshore Seafloor and Seep Sampling Program (2017-2027) Environmental Assessment Amendment – Addendum* (Stantec Consulting Ltd. June 22, 2018); and the *Offshore Seafloor and Seep Sampling Program (2017-2027) Environmental Assessment Amendment – Addendum 2* (Stantec Consulting Ltd. July 5, 2018). The report is an amendment to the environmental assessment (EA) report, *Offshore Seafloor and Seep Sampling Program (2017-2027) Environmental Assessment* (Stantec Consulting Ltd. June 28, 2017) and Addendum "*Fugro - Offshore Seafloor and Seep Sampling Program (2017-2027) Environmental Assessment – Consolidated Addendum*" (Stantec Consulting Ltd. September 26, 2017) submitted in support of Fugro GeoSurveys' (Fugro's) request to amend the mitigation regarding the restriction to enter and conduct survey work in NAFO coral / sponge closure areas.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) Amendment provides a satisfactory assessment of environmental effects associated with this activity. The C-NLOPB is of the opinion that, taking into account the implementation of mitigation measures committed to by Fugro during the EA, the project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at (709) 778-4232 or by e-mail at eyoung@cnlopb.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by Elizabeth Young

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