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Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 11:51 AM
To: Hicks, Darren
Subject: EA Amendment GX Technology Canada 2D Seismic Gravity and magnetic Survey
Labrador Shelf Area 2013 to 2015

Darren:

I am writing further to your March 23, 2016 request to review the above noted EA Amendment describing planned changes to extend the temporal scope of the survey to 2020 and increase the amount of data collected during planned surveys. Please note that the planned changes to the project temporal scope and data acquisition as described in the March 2016 EA Amendment and the related evaluation of predicted effects and mitigations seems to be logical and consistent with the predicted outcomes described within the original project EA. That being said although there are currently no areas that have been designated as critical habitat for Species at Risk Act (SARA) listed species in the project area given that the proposed geophysical program is planned to extend to 2020 the status of designation of critical habitat for SARA listed species may (or may not) change. As such any future EA Updates should bear this in mind and ensure that they reflect the most current and accurate information vis a vis SARA species listings and critical habitat designations as well as possible changes relative to existing and active commercial fishing activity.

If any questions or if you require anything further in this respect please let me know.

Regards,

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