



March 26, 2013

Mr. Tom Sheldon  
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Dear Mr. Sheldon:

**Subject: GX Technology 2D Seismic, Gravity and Magnetic Survey 2013-2015**

Thank you for your February 14, 2013 letter responding to the Project Description and a draft scoping document respecting GX Technology Canada Ltd's proposed 2D Seismic, Gravity and Magnetic Survey program on the Labrador Shelf.

As you may be aware, offshore exploration activities such as marine seismic surveys ceased to be subject to federal environmental assessment (EA) in July 2012 with promulgation of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act 2012*. Since that time the C-NLOPB has continued to assess proposed works and activities, in consideration of its responsibilities for environmental protection under Part III of the Accord legislation. In that regard we will ensure that the Proponent, GXT, is made aware of those comments raised in your letter and we will consider the Proponent's response to those comments in our review of the EA report.

With respect to funding research, we will support such research in any discussions with ESRF or related research organizations. We believe that, in the first instance, established research funds are best suited to pursue environmental research.

Please contact me at (709) 778-1431 or [dhicks@cnlopb.nl.ca](mailto:dhicks@cnlopb.nl.ca), or Elizabeth Young at (709) 778-4232 or [eyoung@cnlopb.nl.ca](mailto:eyoung@cnlopb.nl.ca), if you have questions. I look forward to our continuing communications.

Sincerely yours,

*Original signed by Darren Hicks*

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