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Mr. Darrin Hicks
Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador
Offshore Petroleum Board
5th Floor TD Place
140 Water Street
St. John's NL A1A 6H6

Dear Mr. Hicks:

Re: Hebron Project – Response to Comments on Addendum to the 2011 Comprehensive Study Report

We have reviewed the FFAW's letter to you dated June 14, 2013, which was subsequently referred to us.

In response to the letter, EMCP reconfirms its commitment to avoid, to the greatest extent possible, interference with fishing activities during the survey program. To this end, and consistent with the commitments in the Hebron Project environmental assessment documentation, EMCP is implementing the following mitigations:

- On board FLO
- Single point of contact
- Use of DFO Vessel Management System data
- Ongoing communications with FFAW and fishers throughout seismic survey program

As a result of the 2013 EA update consultations with the fishers, the following additional mitigations are being implemented to avoid crab fishing activity identified to the east of the program area:

- Optimize western turns in northern extent of survey area, and
- Avoid the eastern side of the turn buffer (from 60-fathom mark), to the extent possible.

Should you have any questions, or require further information, please contact Kim Coady, Environmental Lead (709-752-6441), at your convenience.

Yours truly,


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