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Mr. Max Ruelokke
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Subject: Letter of Concurrence – Recommendation for Acceptance of Comprehensive Study Report – Hebron Development Project

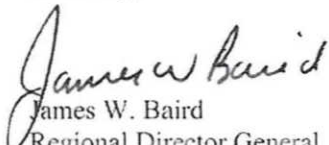
Dear Mr. Ruelokke:

In March 2009, ExxonMobil Canada Properties made a formal submission to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency to develop a fabrication facility at Bull Arm, NL for the fabrication of a Gravity Based Structure (GBS) for the deployment and use at the Hebron Field northeast Grand Banks. Several components of this project are subject to issuance of an Authorization as per subsection 35(2) of the *Fisheries Act*, which is a trigger as defined under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA). As such, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is a responsible authority (RA) for this project, as is the Canada-Newfoundland Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB), Transport Canada, Industry Canada, and Environment Canada.

DFO has reviewed the Comprehensive Study Report (CSR) and is satisfied that the CSR is complete. The document presents an overview of the proposed Project and the surrounding environment, an analysis of the potential environmental effects of the Project, a summary of consultations undertaken in relation to the Project, and mitigation measures designed to eliminate or reduce the environmental effects of the Project. The report concludes with an evaluation of the significance of the environmental effects of the Project after taking into consideration the implementation of recommended mitigation measures.

As a RA, DFO fully supports C-NLOPB conveying on DFO's behalf, the recommendation to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency that the CSR undergo public consultation, pursuant to subsection 22(1) of the CEAA.

Sincerely,


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