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Mr. Max Ruelokke, P.Eng.
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board
5th Floor, TD Place
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Dear Mr. Ruelokke:

Re: Hebron Development Project: Letter of Concurrence Recommendation to Accept the Comprehensive Study Report for Public Review

ExxonMobil Canada Properties Limited has proposed the construction and operation of the Hebron Offshore Oil Development Project in the Jeanne D'Arc Basin, offshore Newfoundland and Labrador. Environment Canada, together with Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Transport Canada, Industry Canada and the Canada Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board are Responsible Authorities for the Project pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (the Act). All Responsible Authorities have worked together to conduct a single federal environmental assessment to fulfill their respective responsibilities under the Act.

Following a decision on July 22, 2009, by the Minister of Environment to refer the project back to the Responsible Authorities for completion as a comprehensive study, federal departments worked with the proponent to complete the Comprehensive Study Report (CSR). Environment Canada is of the opinion that all factors identified in the scope of the environmental assessment have been adequately considered and that the CSR is complete.

As required under paragraph 22(1) of the Act, Environment Canada supports that the Canada Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board, on behalf of all the Responsible Authorities, submit the CSR to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency so that it may be released for public comment.

Yours truly,


Laurence Davidson on behalf of Michael Wilson
Executive Director
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