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Re: Hebron Offshore Oil and Gas Development - Comprehensive Study Report

Dear Mr. Ruelokke:

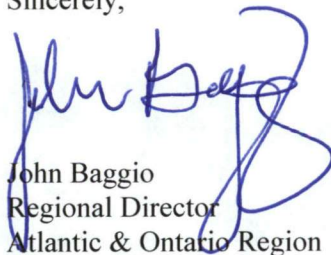
As you are aware, the proposed Hebron Offshore Oil and Gas Development Project will require a radio licence issued by Industry Canada, and as a result, Industry Canada is one of the Responsible Authorities (RA) for the environmental assessment (EA) of this project.

The purpose of this letter is to confirm that we have fulfilled our responsibility as an RA by participating in the process that ensured the preparation of a Comprehensive Study Report (CSR) for this project. In addition, we wish to indicate that we are satisfied that the factors identified in the Scoping Document have been considered, and that the CSR is complete in this regard. Notwithstanding this, I would note that Industry Canada is not in possession of the specialist, expert information or knowledge that is necessary to conduct the environmental assessment of this project.

It is our understanding that, on behalf of all the Responsible Authorities, you will be sending the assessment to Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, which will then release it for public consultation.

If you require any additional information regarding our role in this process, please do not hesitate to contact Steve Mills, Regional Environmental Assessment Coordinator, at (506) 851-3323.

Sincerely,



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