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

Re: Letter of Concurrence - Recommendation for Acceptance of Comprehensive Study Report for Section 22(1) Public Consultation

On March 6, 2009, ExxonMobil Canada Properties, on behalf of its Co-Venturers, submitted a project description for its proposal to develop the Hebron Development Project that required a comprehensive study in accordance with the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (the CEA Act). Several components of the Project will require approvals from Transport Canada under the *Navigable Waters Protection Act*. As such, Transport Canada is a Responsible Authority (RA) for this Project, as are the Canada-Newfoundland & Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board, Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Industry Canada.

Transport Canada has reviewed the Comprehensive Study Report (CSR) and is satisfied that the CSR is complete. The CSR adequately addresses the Section 16(1) and 16(2) factors detailed in the CEA Act.

As a RA, Transport Canada fully supports the Canada-Newfoundland & Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board on the recommendation to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency that the CSR be subject to public consultation in accordance with subsection 22(1) of the CEA Act.

Yours sincerely,

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Transport Canada - Atlantic Region