



January 28, 2011

Mr. James O'Reilly
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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

Re: Hebron Project Comprehensive Study Report
EMCP Response to Review Comments, Part 1 (November 2010)

The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) and federal and provincial fisheries and environmental agencies that provided comments on the June 2010 Comprehensive Study Report (CSR) have reviewed the "*Hebron Project Comprehensive Study Report: Response to Review Comments, Part 1*" submitted by ExxonMobil Canada Properties (EMCP) on December 1, 2010.

Pursuant to paragraph 11(2) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), the Responsible Authorities (RAs) cannot exercise a regulatory duty or function until the associated environmental assessment process is complete and they are satisfied that significant adverse environmental effects are unlikely to occur. In order for the RAs to make a determination of significance, a response to the attached comments is required.

EMCP has stated that a complete response to review comments provided on September 7, 2010 will be provided after additional oil spill trajectory modelling is completed. A review of that response (Part 2) will be undertaken upon submission.

If you wish to discuss any of the above, I may be reached at 709-778-4232, or via email at eyoung@cnlopb.nl.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by E. Young

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Attachment

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