



January 24, 2011

Ms. Teresa LeMay
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Dear Ms. LeMay:

**SUBJECT: ExxonMobil Canada Properties - Hebron Project
Draft Comprehensive Study Report**

On June 15, 2010, ExxonMobil Canada Properties (ExxonMobil), acting on behalf of the Hebron Project Proponents: Chevron Canada Limited, Petro-Canada Hebron Partnership, Statoil Canada Ltd. and Nalcor Energy – Oil and Gas Inc., submitted to the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) a draft Comprehensive Study Report (CSR) “*Hebron Project Comprehensive Study Report*” (June 2010) for a proposed development project in the Jeanne d’Arc Basin area. ExxonMobil prepared the draft CSR pursuant to the “*Hebron Development Project Canadian Environmental Assessment Act Scoping Document*” (Scoping Document) that the C-NLOPB issued to the project proponent on July 22, 2009.

We request that NRCan review relevant sections (see list below) of the draft CSR that was provided to you in June 2010, and inform us whether the relevant factors described in the Scoping Document have been adequately considered and whether the report is complete for the purposes of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, and if either or both is not the case, identify the deficiencies in the report that require correction. The draft CSR and associated information can also be found on the C-NLOPB website at www.cnlopb.nl.ca. The sections of the document that we request review are:

- 3.1.5 – Geology of the Bull Arm (Mosquito Cove) Area;
- 3.1.2.3 – Tsunamis;
- 3.2.2.2 – Tsunamis;
- 3.2.4 – Geotechnical and Geological Conditions; and
- 3.2.5 – Ice Scour Data for the Hebron Offshore Study Area.

In the meantime, review comments on the draft CSR were provided to ExxonMobil on September 7, 2010. A partial response, “*Hebron Project Comprehensive Study Report: Response to Review Comments, Part I*” (November 2010), to these review comments was provided by ExxonMobil on December 1, 2010. Some of the review comments were on the above noted sections. I have attached this response for your information and comment, as applicable.

The C-NLOPB requests that you provide review comments no later than **February 14, 2011**.
If you have any questions on the attached, or wish to discuss the above, I may be reached at 709-778-4232 or via email at <eyoung@cnlopb.nl.ca>

Yours truly,

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