

Minister of the Environment



Ministre de l'Environnement

The Honourable L'honorable

Jim Prentice

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0H3

JUL 10 2009

Mr. Max Ruelokke  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador  
Offshore Petroleum Board  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, TD Place  
140 Water Street  
St. John's NL A1C 6H6

Dear Mr. Ruelokke:

I am writing to advise you of my decision regarding the type of environmental assessment required for the proposed Hebron Development Project (the project).

I received your June 18 letter sent on behalf of the responsible authorities, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Transport Canada, Environment Canada and Industry Canada, as well as the track report and recommendation for this project. Having taken into consideration the track report and the recommendation, I am referring the project back to the responsible authorities pursuant to subsection 21.1 (1) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, to continue with the environmental assessment by means of a comprehensive study. Please be advised that the responsible authorities must ensure that a comprehensive study report is prepared and is provided to me and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency).

With respect to informing the public about the federal government's decision on this matter, I ask that your officials ensure that a description of the factors to be taken into consideration in the environmental assessment of the proposed project and of the scope of those factors, or an indication of how such information may be obtained, be included on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry Internet site. Please note that the Agency will be issuing, on my behalf, a news release advising of my determination in this matter.

I have written a similar letter to the four other responsible authorities; Mr. Ian Shugart, Deputy Minister of Environment Canada, the Honourable Gail Shea, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, the

.../2

TE  
D  
C  
F  
C  
C  
.../2  
Canada  
Newfoundland & Labrador Offshore  
Petroleum Board

Canada



Honourable John Baird, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities and the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Industry, to advise them of my decision and actions in this matter.

I look forward to receiving the completed comprehensive study report for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Jim Prentice', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

The Honourable Jim Prentice, P.C., Q.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Lisa Raitt, P.C., M.P.