



January 21, 2008

Mr. Don Williams
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Dear Mr. Williams:

**Re: Husky Energy Delineation/Exploration Drilling Program
for Jeanne d'Arc Basin Area 2008 - 2017
Environmental Assessment Report**

The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB), in consultation with the Board's fishery and environmental review agencies, have reviewed the above referenced environmental assessment (EA) report.

The environmental assessment document does not satisfy all of the information requirements outlined in the Scoping Document provided to Husky Energy on July 05, 2007. In order to satisfy the requirements of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEA Act) and to complete the Screening Report, the following comments should be addressed.

The scope of the project, as described in the EA Report, appears to be limited to one drilling unit operating within the Study Area. The EA report has not considered the environmental effects of the Proponent operating more than one drilling unit concurrently within the Study Area. More than one drilling unit operating concurrently would be outside the scope of the project, and therefore not captured within the above referenced environmental assessment report.

With regard to cumulative effects, the EA should consider the environmental effects that are likely to result from the proposed project in combination with other projects or activities that have been or will be carried out. The EA report does not address the within project cumulative effects of more than one drilling unit active in the Study Area. In addition, it does not address the between project effects of more than one drilling program in operation. Also, the cumulative effects assessment does not assess the effect

of exclusion zones of three production operations and exploration activities within, and adjacent to, the Study Area in terms of loss of access to commercial fishing grounds.

If you wish to discuss these comments, I can be contacted at (709-778-4232 or eyoung@cnlopb.nl.ca).

Yours truly,

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