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Dear Mr. Hicks:

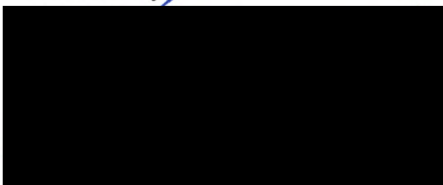
As requested, the Department of National Defence (DND) has reviewed the “Amendment to the Environmental Assessment of HMDC’s 2D/3D/4D Seismic Projects, 2013-Life of Field, prepared by LGL Limited, July 2015”.

MARLANT Safety and Environment (MARL SE) provided comments on the 2015 EA Update in June 2015, but would like to reiterate the following, in light of the potential for submarine transit and operations throughout the Fall 2015:

- *Please ensure the appropriate Notice to Mariners will be issued for all underwater activities and any significant surface ventures, such as use of flares, buoys, and unconventional night lighting; and*
- *Please ensure engagement of CTF 84, through Director General Naval Strategic Readiness (DGNSR), to ensure de-confliction with possible Allied submarine activities.*

Should you have any questions or require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



MARLANT Safety and Environmental Officer  
for Commander

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