

October 27, 2005

Mr. Ken Dyer
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Dear Mr. Dyer:

**Re: Husky Energy – Jeanne d’Arc Basin 3D Seismic Program
EA Addendum**

The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) has reviewed the “*Northern Jeanne d’Arc Basin Seismic Program Environmental Assessment Addendum*” (EA Addendum) submitted on October 07, 2005 in accordance with the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEA Act). Pursuant to the CEA Act, the C-NLOPB determined on September 21, 2005 that Husky’s Northern Jeanne d’Arc Basin seismic program, as described in the “*Northern Jeanne d’Arc Basin Seismic Program Environmental Assessment*” (LGL 2005) (EA Report) was not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

The October 2005 EA Addendum (LGL 2005) provides an adequate description of project activities for the continuation of the 3D seismic program, and an acceptable environmental assessment of project activities for the period ending November 30, 2005. We have considered this information, the mitigations outlined in the Board’s Screening Report (September 21, 2005), and the advice of the Boards’ advisory agencies in making our determination. The proposed amendments to the 2005 Northern Jeanne d’Arc Basin Seismic program following the application of mitigation measures outlined in the 2005 EA Report and Addendum and those listed in Authorization 8924 H032 004E, are not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects. This represents a decision by the C-NLOPB, as Responsible Authority, in accordance with Section 20(1)(a) of the CEA Act.

In its review of the EA Addendum, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans provided the following comment regarding interaction of seismic activities with DFO research surveys: “to prevent gear conflicts and minimize disruption of natural fish behaviour and/or distribution prior to and during research surveys, DFO-NL Region requests that seismic operators maintain a buffer of 30-40 km around research survey set locations for 7-10 days prior to arrival of DFO research vessels.” The 2005 EA report indicates that a set protocol will be established, in

consultation with DFO, to minimize interference with DFO research surveys. If the above recommendation differs from the established protocol, you should discuss any changes with DFO.

If you have any questions on the attached, or wish to discuss the above, I may be reached at 709-778-1431 or via email at kcoady@cnlopb.nl.ca

Yours truly,

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Attachment

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