June 14, 2013

Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board
5th Floor, TD Place
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Attention: Mr. Darren Hicks

Dear Mr. Hicks;

Subject: Response to FFAW’s Comments on Husky’s Environmental Assessment (EA) Review for 2013

In response to the Fish, Food and Allied Workers Union (FFAW) comments on the Husky Environmental Assessment Review for 2013 (letter to C-NLOPB, May 31, 2013), we offer the following clarifications.

Consistent with our presentation to the FFAW on October 9, 2012, Husky Energy has no current plans to expand the White Rose field to the Northeast.

As outlined in the Husky Energy EA Review for 2013 (May 8th, 2013), our current plans are to conduct a wellsite survey within EL 1090R, to the north of the White Rose field. In particular, the wellsite survey is planned to be conducted during July within the green area outlined in Figure 1.

Our analysis indicates a relatively low level of fishing activity within EL 1090R during July, as demonstrated by the low cumulative density of fishing locations within the area of interest during July (Figure 2; the orange dotted line indicates the boundary between 3Li and 3Lt). As well, a wellsite survey in July will preclude interaction with the Industry/DFO Post Season Crab survey which typically occurs between September and November.

Husky understands that licenses are issued for large areas (e.g. NAFO subdivisions 3K or 3L) and fishing activity could take place anywhere within these areas and not just at locations fished in recent years as indicated by DFO data. Therefore, a Fisheries Liaison Officer will be employed during the duration of the wellsite survey to maintain operational communication with harvesters. Husky will continue to keep fishing interests informed of proposed activities and make every effort to minimize conflict between the two ocean industries.

The FFAW is correct to point out that the White Rose Safety Zone boundary illustration on page 20 (Figure 4-2) of the EA Review for 2013 is inconsistent with the consultation presentation. This figure does not account for the change in Safety Zone resulting from the South White Rose Extension (SWRX) tie-back, as presented in Figure 2-2 (page 9) of the EA Review for 2013.
In an effort to improve communications between industries, we very much appreciate the FFAW’s review and comment on Husky’s planned activities for 2013. We trust our response provides clarification.

Should you have any queries regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 724-4764, or David Pinsent at 724-3997.

Yours sincerely,

HUSKY OIL OPERATIONS LIMITED

SueAnn Thistle,
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Attachments: Figure 1 – Proposed Glenwood Site Survey Extents - 2013
Figure 2 – Proposed Glenwood Site Survey – 2013 Crab, July 2005-2010

cc: Elizabeth Young – C-NLOPB
Steve Bettles, David Pinsent, Kathy Knox - Husky
Proposed Glenwood Site Survey Extents - 2013

Figure 1