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Darren,

As requested in your letter of 9 June 2015, Environment Canada (EC) has reviewed the environmental assessment (EA) report "Data Acquisition and Seabed Sampling for Basin Modelling, Labrador Offshore to the Jeanne d'Arc Basin (2015 to 2024) – Environmental Assessment" (Aivek Stantec Limited Partnership 2015). The proponent has addressed our previous comments.

Please note that EC's previous comments on the scoping document and project description (submitted to you on 27 April 2015) are still applicable to the project as described in the EA report with the exception of the following advisory from the Canadian Wildlife Service of Environment Canada (EC-CWS):

EC-CWS is providing additional information that was not available at the time of the review of the project description. A new draft document for handling stranded birds is now available that replaces the above Williams and Chardine protocol, and is attached below. The document is entitled "Best practices for standard birds encountered offshore - Atlantic Canada", and is dated April 2015. The document is still in development and a final version will be provided when available.

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I trust that this information will be of assistance in your review of this proposal. If you wish to discuss these comments or have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

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