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Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 12:18 PM
To: Young, Elizabeth
Cc: Hicks, Darren
Subject: Re: MG3 EA - Geochemical & Seabed Sampling Program

Hi Elizabeth,

Sorry for not getting anything official to you yesterday. Rodd is in Torngat Park and has been for the past several weeks doing research. Our only comment on the MG3 EA is one that was made through our response to the Project Description sent on April 28, 2015 which outlined our concern for the approval of a 10 year proposed program. As written in the letter:

The Nunatsiavut Government has significant concern with the duration (2015 –2024) of the proposed offshore program. The Labrador Coast is a poorly understand environment that is constantly changing. This includes, but is not limited to, changes in sea ice conditions and fish abundance. Recognizing that it is unlikely that this environment will be consistent and stable over the duration of the proposed project, it would be irresponsible to approve the project from an environmental and fisheries perspective.

Additionally, a review of the Labrador Shelf Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is currently underway and is expected to be completed by 2017. Approving a project that goes well beyond this date would not be acceptable, given that the SEA guides project-specific environmental assessments.

Therefore, the Nunatsiavut Government would recommend that a new project description be re-submitted for 2015-2017; at which point the proponent would be required to submit a new project for review.

If you require a further explanation or clarification, please be in touch.

Many thanks,

On Wed, Jul 29, 2015 at 9:21 AM, Young, Elizabeth <EYoung@cnlopb.ca> wrote:

Good Morning,

Will the Nunatsiavut Government be providing comments on the “Data Acquisition and Seabed Sampling for Basin Modelling, Labrador Offshore to the Jeanne d’Arc Basin (2015-20124) – Environmental Assessment” (Aivek Stantec June 2015) report that was forwarded on June 9, 2015 by Darren Hicks.

Regards
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