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Mr. Darren Hicks, Environmental Analyst
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Dear Mr. Hicks:

As requested, the Department of National Defence (DND) has reviewed documentation sent respecting the Multiklient Invest AS Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Seismic Program.

MARLANT Safety and Environment (MARL SE) has the following comments:

- Please identify a specific individual or office to serve as a Point Of Contact (POC) for MARLANT queries and concerns;
- 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;
- Please ensure the appropriate Notice to Airmen will be issued for all activities that could affect air safety, such as use of balloons, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) or tethered airborne devices; and
- Please ensure engagement of CTF 84, through Director General Naval Strategic Readiness (DGNSR), to ensure de-confliction with possible Allied submarine activities.

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The UXO Program has conducted a search of our database and there are two identified UXO sites of concern in that area (see attached) and numerous shipwrecks.

Due to the fact that there may be uncharted shipwrecks or other UXO sites or munition dumps, and in the event activities are conducted that have contact with the seabed (such as drilling or mooring), it is strongly advised that operational aids, such as remotely operated vehicles, be used to conduct seabed survey to prevent unintentional contact with harmful UXO items, shipwrecks, or dumpsites that are not noted on the maps.

Should any suspected UXO be encountered during the course of the operations, do not disturb/manipulate it. Please mark the location and immediately inform the Coast Guard. Additional information is available in the 2010 Annual Edition – Notices to Mariners, Section 37. Further UXO general information is available at our website at www.uxocanada.forces.gc.ca.

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

Sincerely,



MARLANT Safety and Environmental Officer
for Commander