



March 8, 2018

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Re: Multiklient Invest AS Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Seismic Program, 2017 to 2026 Environmental Assessment

The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) has made the decision to shorten the temporal scope of geophysical/geological environmental assessments (EAs) to six years to become more aligned with Period I of an exploration licence and to limit the southern boundary of the spatial scope of EAs in the Labrador Shelf offshore area to 52 degrees north. Based on this decision, Multiklient Invest AS (MKI) was directed on January 19, 2018 to provide two separate EAs to replace the March 2017 *Environmental Assessment of Multiklient Invest Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Seismic Program, 2017-2016* (LGL Limited) .

On March 6, 2018, MKI submitted to the C-NLOPB a revised EA Report for the Southern portion of the original Project Area. The *Environmental Assessment of Multiklient Invest Newfoundland Offshore Seismic Program, 2018-2023* (LGL Limited March 2018) describes and assesses activities within the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Area south of 52 degrees. The revised EA Report was completed in accordance with the scoping document prepared by the C-NLOPB on January 24, 2017.

The differences between the original EA Report sent to you on March 10, 2017 and the revised EA Report (enclosed) are:

- The temporal scope of the EA was reduced to six years, starting in 2018;
- The spatial scope was reduced to include the offshore area south of 52 degrees N;
- A maximum number of seismic surveys (three 3D surveys and one 2D survey) was assessed;
- A change in the maximum annual amount of 3D/4D combined survey data that will be acquired from 22,000 km² to 30,000 km²;
- The use of Passive Acoustic Monitoring (PAM) for cetaceans; and
- Existing environmental data, stakeholder engagement information, and effects assessment changed to focus on the Newfoundland offshore.

Please review the enclosed EA Report and forward comments to me no later than **March 29, 2018**. If no comments are received by this date then the C-NLOPB will assume that your department or agency has no comments. If you have any questions you may contact me (709-778-1431 or dhicks@cnlopb.ca).

Yours truly,

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