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Dear Mr. Morrison,

**SUBJECT:      CNOOC International Flemish Pass Exploration Drilling Project – Round II Information Requirements**

On June 8, 2018, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) sent Information Requirements (IRs) and clarifications to CNOOC Petroleum North America ULC (CNOOC) following a technical review of CNOOC's Environmental Impact Statement by the Agency, other federal government experts, Indigenous groups, and the public. CNOOC's responses to the IRs and clarifications were received in two submissions on September 17, 2018 and February 8, 2019, respectively. The February 8, 2019 submission included new and revised responses, and was combined with the September 17, 2018 submission into a single document.

The Agency has completed a technical review of CNOOC's responses, has reviewed comments from federal departments and Indigenous groups, and has identified 22 follow-up IRs and 2 follow-up clarifications (Attachment 1). The requests and clarifications are denoted as follow-up by the addition of the number '-2' to the IR number (e.g. IR-08-2).

The Agency has not yet received comments from all participating Indigenous groups and may submit additional IRs if additional comments are received.

The Agency requires acceptable responses to the IRs in order to complete its review of the EIS and to proceed with the preparation of its Environmental Assessment Report. Once you have submitted complete responses to all IRs, the Agency will take a period of up to 15 days without the timeline resuming to form an opinion on whether the required information has been provided. If the Agency determines the responses to be complete, it will commence a technical review of the additional



information and the timeline for the environmental assessment will resume the following day. If the responses are determined to be incomplete, you will be notified at that time. If the Agency has not come to a conclusion after 15 days, the timelines will resume the next day. For further information, please consult the Agency document *Information Requests and Timelines*.

The responses may be in a format of your choice; however the format must be such that the responses to individual IRs can be easily identified. You may wish to discuss certain IRs with the Agency or other government experts, as necessary, to obtain clarification or additional information, prior to submission of the responses. Working directly with government experts in this manner will help to ensure that IRs are responded to satisfactorily. The Agency can assist in arranging meetings with government experts, at your request.

The IRs and your responses will be made public on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry (CEAR) Internet site: <https://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80117?culture=en-CA>

The Agency would be available to further discuss the information requirements. Please contact me at 902-426-4951 or via email at [ceaa.cnooc.acee@canada.ca](mailto:ceaa.cnooc.acee@canada.ca)

Sincerely,  
<Original signed by>

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Attachment (1) – CNOOC International Flemish Pass Exploration Drilling Project – Round II Information Requirements

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