



September 27, 2012

Mr. Jim Beresford  
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Dear Mr. Beresford:

**Re: Statoil Canada Limited  
Exploration/Appraisal/Delineation Drilling Program, 2008-2016  
Environmental Assessment Amendment**

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The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB), in consultation with the Board's fishery and environmental review agencies, has reviewed the environmental assessment (EA) amendment report "*Amendment to the Environmental Assessment of StatoilHydro Canada Ltd. Exploration and Appraisal/Delineation Drilling Program for Offshore Newfoundland, 2008-2016*" (August 2012). The report is an amendment to the "*Environmental Assessment of StatoilHydro Canada Ltd. Exploration and Appraisal/Delineation Drilling Program for Offshore Newfoundland, 2008-2016*" (LGL Limited March 2008) and was provided by Statoil Canada Ltd. to assess the proposed Cupids A-33 well that is located approximately 4 km outside the defined Project Area boundary but within the Study Area boundary.

The EA Amendment report provides a satisfactory assessment of environmental effects associated with this activity. The C-NLOPB is of the opinion that, taking into account the implementation of proposed mitigation measures committed to by Statoil Canada Ltd., and conditions identified in the July 10, 2008 C-NLOPB Screening Report for drilling/geotechnical programs, the project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at (709) 778-4232 or by e-mail at [eyoung@cnlopb.nl.ca](mailto:eyoung@cnlopb.nl.ca).

Yours truly,

*Original signed by Elizabeth Young*

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