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Reference: Response to Comments – 2016 Drilling EA Amendment (May 2016)

Dear Mr. Hicks:

Statoil Canada Ltd. provides the following information in response to comments forwarded by the C-NLOPB on October 3, 2016 regarding the 2016 amendment to the 2008 "Environmental Assessment of StatoilHydro Canada Ltd. Exploration & Appraisal/Delineation Drilling Program for Offshore Newfoundland, 2008-2016"

The attached "Statoil Canada Ltd. Response to Review Comments – 2016 EA Amendment" outlines Statoil's response to the comments on the EA amendment. Where applicable, the EA amendment has been updated accordingly and is enclosed.

Upon further review of the original 2008 EA and subsequent amendments and updates, the environmental assessment did not include environmental surveys within the scope of the assessment. We have added the following text to the EA amendment (see Section 2.3.5) to include environmental surveys as part of the scope of project. Section 4.2.5 of the EA Amendment provides an assessment of potential environmental impacts associated with this activity; it is predicted that there are no significant effects.

Environmental surveys are conducted to collect physical, chemical and/or biological data to characterize environmental conditions at the site. They may involve collection of data on ice and icebergs, weather, sediments, water or biota. Methods of data collection include direct observation, onsite weather station, water, core or surficial sediment sample collection and/or biota collection. All data collection would occur from vessels associated with the drilling program. Sampling would be undertaken opportunistically as required over the life of the project. As sampling methods are non-intrusive, temporary, and localized, environmental effects are predicted to be not significant.

For enquiries related to the attached responses and the enclosed revised environmental assessment amendment, please contact [REDACTED]

Yours truly,

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