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Gentlemen:

Re: OHSI Recommendation #4 – DND Protocol

In the OHSI Report, Commissioner Wells stated:

It is recommended that, with the agreement of DND, a formal protocol be entered into between DND and the helicopter operator(s) so that each will know what the other's aviation resources are, know how response efforts will be deployed and in what circumstances, and clarify their respective roles. The Regulator, the oil operators, the helicopter operator(s), and worker representatives should be informed of the protocol.

We will contact the Department of National Defence in this regard to request their engagement on the issue.

We request that the Operators engage the helicopter operator, Cougar, to assist in developing the protocol and to develop a work plan for their response to this recommendation, and to present that work plan to the OSHI Aviation Team by January 31, 2011. We hereby ask that they prepare and present a monthly status report of progress against the work plan.

We anticipate your cooperation in this regard and ask that you promptly acknowledge receipt of this letter and confirm your undertaking to accommodate our request.

Sincerely,


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Chairman & CEO