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Mr. Darren Hicks
Canada Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board
Fifth Floor, TD Place
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Dear Mr. Hicks:

RE: EA Validation Report – Orphan Basin Exploratory Drilling Program EAS 2004-467I

As requested in your e-mail of April 19, 2013, Environment Canada has reviewed the Orphan Basin Exploratory Drilling Program Environmental Assessment: Validation 2013/2014 report. It is understood that the Proponent, Chevron Canada Ltd., proposes to extend the temporal scope of the drill program to March 31, 2014.

Please be advised that Environment Canada has no issues or concerns with this report.

I trust that this information will be of assistance in your review.

Yours truly,

Original Signed by Glenn Troke

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