



December 21, 2007

Ms. Vanessa Pennell Mercer
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Dear Ms. Pennell Mercer:

**Re: PDI Production Inc. Port au Port 3D Transition Zone Seismic Program
CEA Act Environmental Assessment**

In accordance with the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) and based on the information presented in the project description "*PDI Production Inc. 3D Combined Land and Transition Zone Seismic Project Description for the Port au Port Peninsula*" (PDI Production Inc. 2007)," the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) has determined that a screening level of environmental assessment is required for the proposed transition zone 3D seismic survey program. It is understood that the on-land portion of the seismic program has been released from further assessment pursuant to the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act* (SNL 2002 cE14.2) and subject to the preparation and approval of an Environmental Protection Plan.

The C-NLOPB has determined the scope of the project, the factors to be assessed, and the scope of those factors (the Scoping Document). A copy of the Scoping Document is attached for your information and use in preparation of the environmental assessment report. Please note, as stated on page 1 of the Scoping Document,

The C-NLOPB has determined that the environmental assessment report and any supporting documents to be submitted by PDI Production Inc. will fulfill the requirements of a Screening under the CEAA. The C-NLOPB, therefore, pursuant to Section 17 (1) of the CEAA, formally delegates the responsibility for preparation of an acceptable Screening environmental assessment to PDI Production Inc., the project proponent. The C-NLOPB will prepare the Screening Report, which will include the determination of significance.

During the review of the draft Scoping Document, regulatory agencies provided a number of review comments. These comments are attached for your consideration in the preparation of the environmental assessment report.

If you have any questions regarding the CEAA environmental assessment process, or wish to discuss the Scope of Project or the attached comments, I may be reached at 709-778-4232 or via email at eyoung@cnlopb.nl.ca

Yours truly,

Original signed by E. Young

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Attachments

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