



**Chief Safety Officer Decision (Regulatory Exemption)**

**Date:** April 29, 2013

**C-NLOPB Reference:** 2013-RQ-0006

**Applicant:** ExxonMobil Canada Ltd., as managing partner of ExxonMobil Canada Properties

**Applicant Reference:** HEB-052

**Installation Name:** Hebron

**Authority:** *Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation Act, subsection 151(1)*  
*Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act, subsection 146(1)*

**Regulation:** *Section 19 (i) of the Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations*

**Decision:**

The Chief Safety Officer authorizes the Applicant, the operator of the Hebron Installation, to use aluminum for handrails/guardrails within the utilities and process areas in lieu of materials having a fire durability equivalent to steel, as outlined in the application, provided that:

1. Specific monitoring and inspections are developed and conducted on any interface points between aluminum and steel;
2. The final design of aluminum structures is subject to Certifying Authority (CA) concurrence with steel to aluminum isolation and monitoring scheme;
3. The Applicant to confirm in the detailed Fire Risk Analysis that no adverse outcomes related to the use of aluminum are identified.

  
Chief Safety Officer