

Environmental Assessment Review Form		
Operator	Seitel Canada Ltd.	
Activity	2D/3D/4D Ship-borne Marine Seismic including Ocean Bottom Nodes,	
	Echo Sounder, Side-scan Sonar, Gravity and Magnetic surveys.	
Location	Eastern, Northern and Southern Newfoundland	
(Geographic Scope)		
Temporal Scope	Between 1 May and 30 November, 2016 through 2025	
<b>Project Description</b>	November 3, 2015	
Submission Date		
<b>Scoping Document</b>	December 21, 2015	
<b>Publication Date</b>		

**EA Coordinator** Has a determination on the significance of adverse environmental

effects been made on this project in the past?

(Check one) YES NO  $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$ 

Documents Assessed	Title	Date
EA Report	Environmental Assessment of Seitel's East Coast Offshore Seismic Program, 2016-2025	February 26, 2016
Final EA or Addendum	Environmental Assessment of Seitel's East Coast Offshore Seismic Program, 2016-2025 Addendum	December 6, 2016

## **Determination on Significance of Adverse Environmental Effects**

 $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  The project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

The project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects that cannot be justified in the circumstances.

The project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects that can be justified in the circumstances.

It is uncertain whether the project will result in significant adverse environment effects, or public concerns warrant reference to a mediator or a review panel.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED		
Fisheries and Oceans Canada		
Environment and Climate Change Canada		
National Defence		
Transport Canada		
Health Canada		
Natural Resources Canada		
NL Fisheries and Aquaculture		
NL Environment and Climate Change		
NL Natural Resources		
Nunatsiavut Government		

## RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS FOR AUTHORIZATION

As a condition of authorization, the Operator will be required to implement and honor the mitigation measures and commitments made within the Environmental Assessment.

√ Other (One Ocean, FFAW-Unifor, Ocean Choice International,

Association of Seafood Producers, Groundfish Enterprise Allocation Council)

The following conditions are recommended to be appended to authorizations granted by the C-NLOPB for the program, as described in the environmental assessment reports referenced above.

- The Operator shall implement or cause to be implemented, all the policies, practices, recommendations and procedures for the protection of the environment included in or referred to in the Application and in the "Environmental Assessment of Seitel's East Coast Offshore Seismic Program 2016-2025 (LGL Limited February 2016), and the "Environmental Assessment of Seitel's East Coast Offshore Seismic Program 2016-2025 Addendum (LGL Limited December 2016).
- The Operator, or its contractors, shall shut down the seismic airgun array if a marine mammal or sea turtle listed as **Endangered or Threatened** (as per Schedule 1 of SARA) is observed in the safety zone during ramp- up procedures and when the array is active. The safety zone shall have a radius of at least 500 m, as measured from the centre of the air source array(s).
- No later than January 31 of the following calendar year, the Operator shall submit a
  report to the C-NLOPB describing the progress, including potential environmental effects,
  the implementation of mitigation measures, and Inuit-specific opportunities. It shall
  include, but not be limited to, copies of the Fisheries Liaison Officer (FLO), marine
  mammal observer (MMO), and seabird observer reports that were produced during the
  program.

SIGN	-OFF
------	------

Original signed by Elizabeth Young

EA Coordinator

January 9, 2017

<u>Original signed by Dave Burley</u> Director of Environmental Affairs January 9, 2017