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Dear Mr. Forkheim,

**SUBJECT:    Outcome of Conformity Review of Responses to Round II Information Requirements (IRs) for the proposed Flemish Pass Exploration Drilling Project**

On October 3, 2018, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) received Equinor Canada Ltd's (Equinor) responses to Round II Information Requirements (IRs) sent to Equinor by the Agency on August 27, 2018.

The Agency has determined that the IR responses provided in Equinor's October 3, 2018 submission are sufficient to proceed to technical review. The Agency will review the IR responses and will seek input from government expert departments and Indigenous groups that provided comments on Equinor's Round I IR responses submitted to the Agency on May 15, 2018 and July 5, 2018. Further information may be requested following the technical review of the submission.

Although the technical review is ongoing, the federal timeline for the EA remains paused given that responses to the Agency's October 9, 2018 IRs remain outstanding. Once you have submitted complete responses to all IRs, the Agency will take a period of up to 15 days without the timeline resuming to form an opinion on whether the required information has been provided. If the Agency determines the responses to be complete, it will commence a technical review of the additional information and the timeline for the environmental assessment will resume the following day. If the responses are determined to be incomplete, you will be notified at that time. If the Agency has not come to a conclusion after 15 days, the timelines will resume the next day. For further information, please consult the Agency document *Information Requests and Timelines* (<https://www.canada.ca/en/environmental-assessment-agency/news/media-room/media-room-2016/information-requests-timelines.html>)



This letter and your Round II IR responses will be made public on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry (CEAR) Internet site: <https://ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80129>

The Agency would be available to further discuss the information requirements. Please contact me at 902-426-9460 or via email at [ceaa.flemishpass-passeflamande.acee@canada.ca](mailto:ceaa.flemishpass-passeflamande.acee@canada.ca)

Sincerely,  
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