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Dear Mr. Ralph:

**Re: Statoil Canada Limited Jeanne d'Arc and North Ridge/Flemish Pass Basin Geophysical Program,  
2011-2019 – Environmental Assessment Amendment**

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The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB), in consultation with the Board's fishery and environmental review agencies, has reviewed the environmental assessment (EA) amendment report "*2016 Amendment to the Environmental Assessment of Statoil's Geophysical Program for the Jeanne d'Arc and Central Ridge/Flemish Pass Basins, 2011-2019*" (Statoil Canada Ltd. May 11, 2016) and Statoil Canada Ltd.'s (Statoil) May 11, 2016 correspondence responding to EA Amendment review comments. The report is an amendment to the "*Environmental Assessment of Statoil's Geophysical Program for the Jeanne d'Arc and Central Ridge/Flemish Pass Basins, 2011-2019*" (LGL Limited 2011) and Addendum (LGL Limited June 2011) and was provided by Statoil in support of the request to expand the Project Area/Study Area and to increase streamer numbers, fan spread and tow depth.

The EA Amendment report and May 11, 2016 letter provides a satisfactory assessment of potential environmental effects that may be associated with this activity. The C-NLOPB is of the opinion that, taking into account the implementation of mitigation measures committed to by Statoil during the EA, the project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at (709) 778-4232 or by e-mail at [eyoung@cnlopb.ca](mailto:eyoung@cnlopb.ca).

Yours truly,

*Original signed by Elizabeth Young*

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