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Dear Mr. Hicks:

As requested, the Department of National Defence (DND) has reviewed the reported entitled "Environmental Assessment of Statoil's Geophysical Program for the Jeanne d'Arc and Central Ridge/Flemish Pass Basins, 2011 - 2019" that was provided to DND by the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (CNLOPB) on 5 April 2011.

It was observed during the review that the information provided to the CNLOPB by DND, through the Federal Coordination Regulations process, had not been included in the report. The attached response was provided to the CNLOPB on 15 February 2011. DND requests that Statoil Canada Ltd include the information noted on the attached response in the assessment report for the project, with particular attention to the following paragraph:

".....should any suspected UXO be encountered during the course of Statoil's operations, it should not be disturbed/manipulated. Statoil should mark the location and immediately inform the Coast Guard. Additional information is available in the 2010 Annual Edition - Notices to Mariners, Section F, No.37."

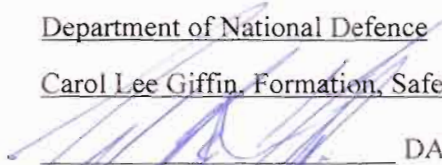
Should you have any questions or require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Carol Lee Giffin
Formation Safety and Environmental Officer
for Commander

Canada

Federal Coordination Regulations
Section 6 - Record of Determination

Project Title: **Jeanne d'Arc and Central Ridge/Flemish Pass Basins Seismic Program, 2011-2019**
Location: **Jeanne d'Arc and Central Ridge/Flemish Pass Basins**
Proponent: **Statoil Canada Limited**
FEDERAL AUTHORITY: Department of National Defence
NAME & TITLE: Carol Lee Giffin, Formation, Safety and Environment Officer
SIGNATURE:  DATE: 19 Feb 11

In accordance with the Section 6 of the Federal Coordination Regulations, under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), the Federal Authority identified above, has reviewed the project description and advises you of the following:

(a) it is **likely** to require an environmental assessment of the project

Trigger Proponent Funding
 Land Transfer Law List

Law List Trigger: _____

(b) it is **not likely** to require an environmental assessment of the project

(c) it is **in possession** of specialist or expert information or knowledge that is necessary to conduct the environmental assessment of the project

Please Note:

1. DND is likely to be operating in the vicinity of the study area in a non-interference manner during the April to October 2011 to 2019 timeframe.

2. UXO data is available for the study area:

A search of the records was conducted to determine the possible presence of UXO within the Statoil Project Description survey area.

Our records indicate no wrecks are present within the survey area.

However, as depicted in the attached graphic, one site is approximately 8 km from the western boundary of the study area. According to the database, it is a U-520 German IXC Type U-Boat which was sunk by depth charges from a Canadian Digby aircraft on 30 October 1942. The exact location of the wreck is uncertain due to the limitation of the positional location technology of the time (the site was plotted with information reported at the time of the sinking).

Given our understanding of the survey activities to be conducted, the associated UXO risk is assessed as negligible. Nonetheless, due to the inherent dangers associated with UXO and the fact that the Atlantic Ocean was exposed to many naval engagements during WWII, should any suspected UXO be encountered during the course of Statoil's operations, it should not be disturbed/manipulated. Statoil should mark the location and immediately inform the Coast Guard. Additional information is available in the 2010 Annual Edition - Notices to Mariners, Section F, No.37.

In the event of activities which may have contact with the seabed (such as drilling or mooring), it is strongly advised that operational aids, such as remote operated vehicles, be used to conduct seabed survey in order to prevent unintentional contact with harmful UXO items that may have gone unreported or undetected.

Further UXO general information is available at our website at www.uxoc.anada.forces.gc.ca

OR

(d) additional information is required to make a determination

If the answer to (d) is "yes", the Regulations require that the additional information be requested within 10 days after making the determination.

Identify the contact person for the environmental assessment, if different from above.

Name & Title:

Address:

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Please return via fax, by **February 16, 2011**, to:
Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board, attention: Darren Hicks
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