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**Re: Statoil Canada Limited Jeanne d'Arc and Central Ridge/Flemish Pass Basin
Geophysical Program 2011-2019 Environmental Assessment (CEAR 11-01-60411)**

On March 30, 2011, Statoil Canada Limited (Statoil) submitted to the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) an environmental assessment report for geophysical survey programs including seismic, electromagnetic, and localized geohazard surveys in the Jeanne d'Arc and Central Ridge/Flemish Pass Basins from 2011 through 2019 in the Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore. Statoil anticipates carrying out a 3D seismic program and a small number of 2D profiles during 2011. The enclosed report "*Environmental Assessment of Statoil's Geophysical Program for the Jeanne d'Arc and Central Ridge/Flemish Pass Basins, 2011-2019*" describes seismic survey activity for this area. The C-NLOPB is conducting a screening, pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEA Act), of the proposed Project.

The environmental assessment report was completed in accordance with the scoping document prepared by the C-NLOPB on February 24, 2011.

Please review the enclosed environmental assessment report and forward comments to me no later than **May 13, 2011**. If you have any questions regarding the environmental assessment report, you may contact me (709-778-1431 or dhicks@cnlopb.nl.ca).

Yours truly,

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