



May 25, 2012

Mr. Charles Hale
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Dear Mr. Hale:

Re: Statoil Canada Limited – Geophysical Program for the Jeanne d’Arc and Central Ridge/Flemish Pass Basins 2011 to 2019 Environmental Assessment Amendment

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 “*Amendment to the Environmental Assessment of Statoil’s Geophysical Program for the Jeanne d’Arc and Central Ridge/Flemish Pass Basins, 2011 to 2019*” (May 2012). 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 Canada Ltd. in support of the request to extend survey track lines by approximately five kilometres outside the Project Area boundary but within the Study Area boundary. A 30 square kilometre area was assessed in the Amendment for this activity.

The EA Amendment report (May 3, 2012) provides a satisfactory assessment of environmental effects associated with this activity. The C-NLOPB is of the opinion that, taking into account the implementation of proposed mitigation measures committed to by Statoil Canada Ltd., 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.nl.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by E. Young

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