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Dear Mr. Hicks:

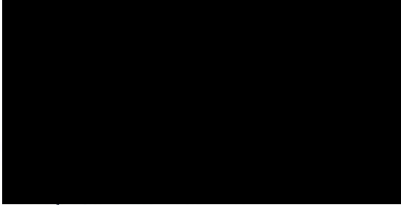
As requested, the Department of National Defence (DND) has reviewed the Environmental Assessment of WesternGeco's Southeastern Newfoundland Offshore Seismic Program, 2015-2024, dated May 2015.

MARLANT Safety and Environment (MARL SE) has the following comments, which also appeared in our response letter to the Project Description and Draft Scoping Document dated 18 February 2015:

- Please identify a specific individual or office to serve as a Point Of Contact (POC) for MARLANT queries and concerns;
- Please ensure the appropriate Notice to Mariners will be issued for all underwater activities and any significant surface ventures, such as use of flares, buoys, and unconventional night lighting;
- Please ensure the appropriate Notice to Airmen will be issued for all activities that could affect air safety, such as use of balloons, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) or tethered airborne devices; and
- Please ensure engagement of CTF 84, through Director General Naval Strategic Readiness (DGNSR), to ensure de-confliction with possible Allied submarine activities.

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

Sincerely,



MARLANT Safety and Environment Officer
for Commander