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Distribution

**Re: Husky Energy's White Rose Extension Project Environmental Assessment
(CEAR 12-01-68249)**

On December 20, 2012, Husky Energy submitted to the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) the "*Husky Energy White Rose Extension Project Environmental Assessment*" (Stantec December 2012) environmental assessment (EA) report for the proposed White Rose Extension Project (WREP).

Husky and its co-venturers are considering two development options for the WREP: a wellhead platform (WHP) development option or a subsea drill centre development option. The first option involves the construction and use of a WHP which will be constructed at Argentia, Placentia Bay and the subsea drill centre development option has already been assessed for current production activities. The scope of the WREP includes a nearshore component (if the WHP development option is selected), an offshore component and potential future expansion activities within the White Rose field.

The C-NLOPB is conducting a screening, pursuant to subsection 124(1) of CEAA 2012, a screening of a project commenced under CEAA must, if the project is a designated project, be continued and completed as if CEAA had not been repealed. The Minister of the Environment has designated the WREP pursuant to subsections 124(2) and 14(2) of CEAA 2012 so the screening for the project must be continued and completed under CEAA.

On October 30, 2012, Husky Energy (Husky) were informed by the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Environment and Conservation (NLDEC) that the project activities associated with the Argentia Peninsula and Placentia Bay portion of the project were subject to an Environmental Preview Report (EPR). In order to fulfil the requirements of both the *Environmental Protection Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, an agreement was reached between the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB), as the CEAA Federal Environmental Assessment Coordinator and the NLDEC that a single harmonized environmental assessment process could accommodate the information and review process requirements of both the CEAA and the Province.

The enclosed report describes these activities for this area. The EA report was completed in accordance with the December 18, 2012 Scoping Document.

Please review the enclosed environmental assessment report and forward comments to me no later than **February 13, 2013**. If you have any questions regarding the environmental assessment report, you may contact me (709-778-4232 or eyoung@cnlopb.nl.ca).

Yours truly,

Original signed by Elizabeth Young

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