



November 23, 2012

Mr. Bas Cleary
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Department of Environment and Conservation
Government of Newfoundland & Labrador
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Dear Mr. Cleary:

**Re: Husky Energy - White Rose Extension Project – Wellhead Platform
CEAR 12-01-68249**

Thank you for your November 9, 2012 letter in which you provide your Minister's decision regarding the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) of the above noted project. We note that the Minister has advised Husky Energy that an Environmental Preview Report (EPR) is required to address additional information requirements, and that the scope of the provincial EA will be confined to project details regarding the Argentinia Peninsula and activities in Placentia Bay.

Per our previous discussions, we agree that a single environmental assessment can be conducted through a harmonized and coordinated approach to fulfil the requirements of both the NL *Environmental Protection Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA).

The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) will act as the CEAA Federal Environmental Assessment Coordinator (FEAC) respecting the assessment and in this role will be responsible for coordinating the review activities of the other responsible authorities (RAs) as well as those of other expert government departments and agencies that participate in the review. The project likely will require the following authorizations, permits or approvals:

- C-NLOPB authorizations under sub-sections 138(1)(b) and 139(4)(a) of the *Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation Act*;
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) authorizations under section 35(2) of the *Fisheries Act* for the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat;
- Environment Canada permit under Schedule 1, Part 1, Paragraph 3 of Section 127(1) of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, 1999 (formerly Subsection 71 (1)) for disposal of a substance at sea; and

- Transport Canada approval under Part 1, Section 5 of the *Navigable Waters Protection Act* for any man-made structure, device or thing, whether temporary or permanent, that may interfere with navigation within a 12 nautical mile limit of the coastal shoreline.

We believe that the CEAA review process can accommodate the Province's information and review process requirements under Section 54 of the *Environmental Protection Act* and Section 7 of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations* as follows:

- C-NLOPB will include information requirements relating to the EPR, once provided to us by NLEC, in the CEAA Scoping Document being prepared by the C-NLOPB and other RAs;
- The EA Report submitted by Husky Energy in response to the Scoping Document will be made available for public comment via publication on the C-NLOPB Web site; and
- Copies of the EA Report will be provided to the Minister of Environment and Conservation for review.

Please contact me at (709) 778-1403 or dburley@cnlopb.nl.ca, or Elizabeth Young at (709) 778-4232 or eyoung@cnlopb.nl.ca if you have any questions on this matter. I look forward to working with you on the assessment.

Yours truly,


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