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Attention: Ms. Cheryl Benjamin

Dear Ms. Benjamin;

Subject: Changes to Husky Energy's Designated Project

As you are aware, Husky's interest in exploration licence (EL) 1134 was transferred to ExxonMobil Canada Ltd. on February 1, 2018. Also, relevant to the Husky Energy Exploration Drilling Project (Reference Number 80130), is the expiry of our term for EL 1121. We therefore request the removal of EL 1134 and EL 1121 from our environmental assessment and associated guidelines.

On January 15, 2018, the C-NLOPB issued EL 1155 to Husky Oil Operations Limited as operator, and 50 percent partner with BP Canada Energy Group ULC for a nine-year term. EL 1155 is 121,453 hectares and lies to the north, adjacent to Husky EL 1152 within the Jeanne d'Arc Basin, within the current Project Area. The attached figure illustrates the location of EL 1155 in relation to adjacent Husky properties.

As the drilling on EL 1155 will constitute the first drilling program on this EL, section 10 of the Regulations Designating Physical Activities will apply. The physical activities on EL 1155 will be the same as those described within the Project Description, namely:

- Wellsite/geohazard/geotechnical surveys;
- Drilling by mobile offshore drilling unit (MODU), drillship, or jack-up;
- Vertical seismic profiling (VSP);
- Well testing, well completions, workovers/data logging;
- Decommissioning and abandonment of wells; and
- Vessel and helicopter operations.



The details of each activity as described in the Project Description will apply to ELs 1155. The maximum number of wells to be drilled for the Project is 10 and does not change as result of the inclusion of EL 1155. The frequency of transit of support vessels and helicopters does not change as a result of the inclusion of ELs 1155. An average of five helicopter trips per week from St. John's is expected and one additional trip per week for the vessel responsible for transporting supplies to the MODU will be required per drilling program. Additional trips maybe required seasonally for ice management. As with all other exploration wells, wells within 1155 maybe suspended. Well abandonment will follow industry standard abandonment procedures and practices in accordance with C-NLOPB regulations. There will be no change in the temporal scope of the project.

Potential effects from the Project are not expected to be different from those described in the Project Description. EL 1155 is adjacent to existing Husky licences within the Jeanne d'Arc Basin, where water depths range between approximately 100 and 200 m. The area is well understood in terms of commercial fishing activity, biota and physical oceanography. There are no known sensitive areas with EL1155.

Husky therefore requests the incorporation of exploration licence 1155 into the scope of the environmental assessment for the Husky Energy Exploration Drilling Project, and the removal of ELs 1134 and 1121.

Yours sincerely,

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