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Sent by E-mail

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Dear Ms. Giddens:

SUBJECT: Outcome of Conformity Review of Responses to Revised Round I Information

Requirements (IRs) for the proposed Newfoundland Orphan Basin Exploration Drilling

Project

On May 31, 2019, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) received responses from BP Canada Energy Group ULC (BP) to the Revised Round I Information Requirements (IRs) which were determined by the Agency to not provide sufficient information on May 7, 2019. The Agency has determined that the revised IR responses are sufficient to proceed to technical review. The Agency will now review the IR responses and will seek input from government expert departments and Indigenous groups. Further information may be requested following the technical review of the responses.

The timeline for the environmental assessment resumed as of June 15, 2019. For further information, please consult the Agency document Information Requests and Timelines https://www.canada.ca/en/environmental-assessment-agency/news/media-room/media-room-2016/information-requests-timelines.html.

This letter and BP's revised Round I IR responses will be made public on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry (CEAR) Internet site: https://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80147.





The Agency would be available to further discuss the information requirements, if necessary. Please contact me at 902-339-8834 or via email at ceaa.orphanbasin-bassinorphan.acee@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

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