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Email: <Email address removed>

Dear Shelley Sullivan:

### **SUBJECT: Required information for 2024 – 2034 Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Exploration Drilling Project, EL 1169**

On September 1, 2023, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) received information for the 2024 – 2034 Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador Offshore Exploration Drilling Project, EL 1169 (the Project) from ExxonMobil Canada Ltd. ExxonMobil Canada Ltd. has provided the information as per the requirements of section 3 of the *Regulations Respecting Excluded Physical Activities (Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Exploratory Wells)* (the Regulations).

As per section 112.1 of the IAA and the Regulations, the drilling, testing and abandonment of offshore exploratory wells that are set out in section 34 of the Schedule to the *Physical Activities Regulations*, are not considered a designated project if they meet the following requirements:

- the physical activity is proposed in an area that is set out in one or more exploration licences issued in accordance with the *Canada–Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Act* and within the area of application described in Schedule 1 of the Regulations; and,
- the proponent satisfies the conditions set out in Schedule 2 of the Regulations.

As a result, the project is excluded from the impact assessment process under the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA), as long as the proponent satisfies the conditions set out in Schedule 2 of the Regulations.

The project remains subject to regulation by the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) and may be subject to other applicable acts and regulations. The C-NLOPB is responsible for verifying the project's compliance with Schedule 2 of the Regulations, under an agreement with the Agency.

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The Agency will post the information provided to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry internet page for the Project, along with a notification that the project is now an “excluded physical activity” and is excluded from the impact assessment process under the IAA.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at [mike.atkinson@iaac-aeic.gc.ca](mailto:mike.atkinson@iaac-aeic.gc.ca) or by phone at (902) 426-7496.

Sincerely,

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