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**Subject: Comments on the draft Scoping Document for the Deep Panuke Offshore Gas Development Project**

Dear Mr. Hunka:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your comments, dated October 13, 2006, on the Draft Scoping Document for the Deep Panuke Offshore Gas Development Project. All public comments received by the Board on the scoping document were distributed to all Responsible Authorities, Natural Resources Canada, and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency. Your comments specific to the Scoping Document have been considered during the re-drafting of the Scoping Document.

The purpose of the Scoping Document is to define the issues that must be addressed in the environmental assessment for the proposed project conducted pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.

As has been the case with other offshore gas projects, the CNSOPB and the National Energy Board will conduct a public review process to hear and consider views of interested persons on the anticipated applications from EnCana Corporation related to the proposed project. Details of how interested parties may participate in the public will be announced at a later date if applications are filed. The public will be provided with notice of the hearings.

Thank you for your comments on the Draft Scoping Document and your continued interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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