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Mr. J.G MacDonald  
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Dear Mr. MacDonald:

**RE: Revised Environmental Assessment - Seabed Survey - Potential Sable Subsea Satellites Development (April 2010)**

This letter is to inform you that the Canada - Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (the Board) has completed its evaluation of the potential for significant adverse environmental effects of ExxonMobil Canada Properties proposed 2010 seabed survey described in the revised *Environmental Assessment - Seabed Survey - Potential Sable Subsea Satellites Development* (revised April 2010 EA). The Board is satisfied that the comments on the March 2010 EA have been sufficiently addressed in the revised EA.

With the implementation of the mitigation measures and commitments made within the revised April 2010 EA, the Board is of the opinion that the seismic survey proposed by ExxonMobil Canada Properties is not likely to result in significant adverse environmental effects. The Board requests that any observer reports completed as a part of this project be submitted as follow-up to the environmental assessment.

Should you have any questions about the above determination, please contact Elizabeth MacDonald, Environmental Analyst at (902) 496-0737.

Yours Truly,

Stuart Pinks, P. Eng  
Chief Executive Officer

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