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Ms. Diana Dalton  
Chief Executive Officer  
Canada -Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board  
6th Floor TD Centre  
1791 Barrington Street,  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
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Re: Deep Panuke Offshore Gas Development - Comprehensive Study Report

Dear Ms. Dalton:

As you are aware the proposed Deep Panuke offshore gas development project requires that Industry Canada issue a Radio license under subsection 5(1)(a) of the Radiocommunication Act and pursuant to subsection 5(1)(f) requires Industry Canada approval for each site on which radio apparatus including antenna systems may be located. A license under subsection 5(1)(a) of the Radiocommunication Act is identified in the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) under sub-section 5.(1)(d) and as a result Industry Canada is a Responsible Authority for the environmental assessment (EA) of this project.

As a Responsible Authority and as required under sub-section 21.1(1)(a) of CEAA, Industry Canada has ensured the preparation of the Comprehensive Study Report (CSR) for the Deep Panuke project. Our department is writing this confirmation letter, fulfilling our share of the requirements of sub-section 10(b) of the Regulations Respecting the Coordination of Federal Authorities of Environmental Assessment Procedures and Requirements (SOR/97-181), indicating that we are satisfied that the factors determined pursuant to section 8 of the same regulations (SOR/97-181) have been fully considered and that the CSR is complete. Therefore pursuant to section 22(1) of CEAA, the environmental assessment is ready for transmittal to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, which will release it for public consultation. It is our understanding that you will undertake this transmittal on behalf of all Responsible Authorities.

We greatly appreciate your coordination efforts with respect to this environmental assessment. Please do not hesitate to contact Steve Mills, Regional Environmental Assessment Coordinator, at (506) 851-3323 for any further assistance with the environmental assessment process.

Sincerely

George Hastings  
Atlantic Regional Director SITT