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**RE: CEEA REVIEW OF EXXONMOBIL CANADA PROPERTIES PROJECT  
DESCRIPTION FOR SEABED SURVEY – POTENTIAL SABLE  
SUBSEA SATELLITES DEVELOPMENT**

The Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB) has received a project description from ExxonMobil Canada Properties describing a proposal to conduct a seabed survey offshore Nova Scotia on the eastern Sable Island Bank, to evaluate the potential for a subsea satellites development on previously undeveloped fields. The CNSOPB has concluded that this project triggers a review under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA)*. Enclosed is the Project Description provided by the proponent.

The CNSOPB has declared itself a Responsible Authority (RA) for the project under Section 5 of the *CEAA* and has determined that the proposed project will require a screening level assessment.

As required by Section 5 of the Federal Coordination Regulations, the CNSOPB is requesting that you advise of your determination with respect to this project by completing the attached "Record of Determination" form and returning it to this office by fax by **February 17, 2010**.

Sincerely,

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