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OFFSHORE PETROLEUM BOARD

## Chief Safety Officer Decision

Decision Date: 30 May 2018  
Applicant: ExxonMobil Canada Properties  
Reference: RQ 161 - Temporary Increase in Maximum Personnel on Board  
Project: Sable Offshore Energy Project  
Installation Name: Thebaud Complex  
Authority: Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation Act (Federal version), Section 155(1)(a)  
Regulation: Nova Scotia Offshore Certificate of Fitness Regulations - Section 4(4)

### Decision:

ExxonMobil Canada Properties (Exxon) has requested a deviation from requirements of Section 4(4) of the Nova Scotia Offshore Certificate of Fitness Regulations, relating to the Certificate of Fitness (CoF) Letter of Limitations issued by the Certifying Authority which identifies 50 as the maximum allowable personnel on board (POB) for the Thebaud Complex. Exxon is requesting a temporary increase in the POB to 60 during a shutdown period.

The rationale for this deviation includes consideration that the platform will be fully shut-in and depressurized for the duration of the shutdown. The additional 10 POB will have accommodations provided on the Noble Regina Allen (NRA) drilling rig, attached to the Thebaud Complex by gangway during the shutdown. Additional considerations include emergency response arrangements to ensure effective personnel muster and sufficient capacity of emergency personal protective equipment and life saving appliances.

The Certifying Authority concurs that the proposal meets the requirements of Certificate of Fitness Regulations Section 4(4).

Acceptance of the temporary increase in POB is limited to the period of time when the platform is shut-in from production and depressurized, and is conditional on the Certifying Authority issuing an amended CoF Letter of Limitations for the period.

The Chief Safety Officer hereby grants a deviation from the Nova Scotia Offshore Certificate of Fitness Regulations - Section 4(4), subject to the above condition, and is satisfied that these arrangements provide an equivalent level of safety to that provided by the Regulations.

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