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RE: Multiklient Invest's Proposed 3D Seismic Program



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Re: Multiklient Invest's Proposed 3D Seismic Program

Mr. Pinks,

I write in response to your letter indicating that Multiklient Invest (MKI) has submitted a Project Description for a potential 2D/3D seismic program to be conducted in the Canada-Nova Scotia offshore area.

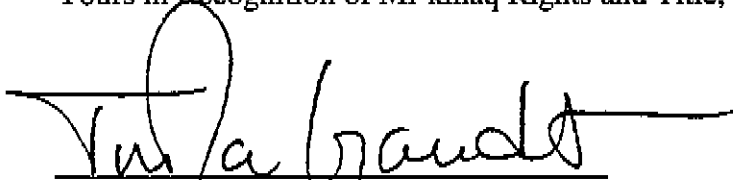
The Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia have a general interest in lands and resources in Nova Scotia as the Mi'kmaq Nation has never surrendered, ceded, or sold title to any of its lands in Nova Scotia. The Mi'kmaq have a title claim to all of Nova Scotia and as co-owners of the land and its resources it is expected that any potential impacts to rights and title shall be addressed. This includes offshore lands and resources.

Within the proposed project boundaries, the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia fish a variety of species for Food, Social and Ceremonial purposes, and through communal commercial fishing licenses. The Mi'kmaq do not want this program to impede any access to our Mi'kmaq fisheries and should there be impacts to Mi'kmaq rights, compensation will be required.

The Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia have serious concerns about seismic activity. It is our understanding that the impacts of seismic testing are still inconclusive. Any negative impacts could have long term consequences on fish and marine mammals. We strongly recommend a precautionary approach be taken until additional research is concluded on the impact of seismic testing on fish and marine mammals.

The Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia are concerned about how large the project area is for the MKI project description. It is our understanding that MKI plans to complete seismic surveys of smaller, yet to be determined areas between 2019 to 2028. Instead of completing an environmental assessment on the current proposed project area, we advise that separate environmental assessments be completed for specific surveys as they are planned. This will allow the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia to better communicate potential impacts to Mi'kmaq rights and title.

Yours in Recognition of Mi'kmaq Rights and Title,



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