

December 1, 2020

VIA EMAIL: LWRIGHT@CNSOPB.NS.CA

Dear Ms. Wright,

Re: Capacity to Engage with Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'taqnn Inc.

On November 4, 2020, Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'taqnn Incorporated ("MTI") received notice from the Canada Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board ("CNSOPB") inviting MTI to comment on the Draft Western Scotian Shelf and Slope Strategic Environmental Assessment posted to the CNSOPB website, by December 4, 2020.

As you are aware, given the limited resources of our communities, MTI requires capacity funding in order to meaningfully participate in current and future reviews. Currently the CNSOPB is requesting feedback on the Draft Western Scotian Shelf and Slope Strategic Environmental Assessment, and with any future projects the number of requests will only grow. To date, the CNSOPB has not provided any Capacity Funding to MTI.

The Mi'gmaq rely on our Aboriginal and Treaty Rights to hunt, fish, gather and harvest on our territory for food, social and ceremonial purposes and to earning a livelihood. Protection of our lands and resources is essential to our culture and way of life.

Indigenous engagement and participation are necessary when discussing the environment and resource development, but due to limited resources. MTI finds it difficult to adequately participate in the processes which include completing an Mi'gmaq Rights Impact Assessment to determine the Impacts on Mi'gmaq Rights.

Please note that MTI will continue to engage and participate in the processes to the best of their ability, but it will be by no means meaningful and/or adequate. To further discuss please contact myself, Marcy Cloud, by phone or email.

In Peace and Friendship,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marcy Cloud".

Marcy Cloud, Impact Assessment Coordinator
Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'taqnn Incorporated