



## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

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By E-mail

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Attention: Mr. Edward J. Wilkins  
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### **RE: BEAUFORT SEA EXPLORATION JOINT VENTURE DRILLING PROGRAM ("DEVELOPMENT")**

In the letter sent to Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Ltd. (IORVL or Developer) by the Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB), dated May 30, 2014, the EIRB indicated that additional information would be required from the Developer to finalize the Terms of Reference pursuant to the *Inuvialuit Final Agreement* (IFA) and the EIRB's 'Environmental Impact Review Guidelines' dated April 29, 2011.

Your letter to the EIRB, dated February 18, 2015, requested that the EIRB identify to Imperial "...any other routine program activities requiring further detail" to assist the Developer in providing an updated scope of development to the EIRB to facilitate the EIRB's preparation of the final Terms of Reference.

In response to your request, the EIRB is providing the following information requests regarding additional project detail for an updated scope of development as part of an updated Project Description document.

As stated in the May 30, 2014 letter, the EIRB requires additional information regarding the Developer's plans for onshore facilities and activities. This would include, but not be limited to, any port, harbour, airport, road, or infrastructure that would be required or used in the undertaking of the proposed Development. The description and detail provided would include information on location, size, nature, scale, and magnitude of the onshore components together with information on the timing and on the volume (e.g., number of flights, personnel, vessels, and vehicles) of the planned activities. Further, any over-wintering or storage requirements anticipated for the Development would be identified with sufficient detail on the scope included.

The letter of May 30, 2014 also stated the need for the Developer to include any plans for dredging Tuktoyaktuk harbour or other potential locations. In the near shore and harbour areas where dredging may be planned, the updated Project Description document would include, but not be limited to, information on the dredging plan (e.g., location, width, depth, and timing of

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any dredging activity), the vessels and infrastructure used for dredging, the planned disposal (e.g., location and methodologies) of any dredged material, and any maintenance of the dredged channels or areas.

Recognizing that the Beaufort Sea Exploration Joint Venture Drilling Program Project Description was submitted to the Environmental Impact Screening Committee in September 2013, the EIRB requests that Developer include in an updated Project Description document, an update on the Developer's consultations with Inuvialuit communities and Inuvialuit Boards and organizations.

Further, in addition to an update on the offshore drilling plans in an updated Project Description, the EIRB requests an update on information and details related to marine navigation. This would include but not be limited to: mobilization and demobilization of the drilling system; ice management vessels and activities; transits between the drilling location and shore; and any material storage or transfer vessel use and movements. As well, updated information should be included on the number, capability, movement and details of any vessels utilized for oil spill management, source control and containment equipment, supply and support vessels, and any other marine navigation requirements (such as fuelling and re-fuelling facilities during the period of planned activities).

The EIRB recognizes that specific details and examination of the Developer's oil spill countermeasures, source control and containment equipment, and operational plans will be reviewed by the EIRB and the National Energy Board during their respective assessment processes. The EIRB expects that information would be included in the Environmental Impact Statement and other regulatory filings that would follow the completion and release of the EIRB's final Terms of Reference for this Development. The EIRB requests that the Developer include available details on this information including equipment type, nature and quantity and where such would be located during drilling activities. The EIRB would also request information in the updated Project Description on how such equipment would be mobilized and the estimated time required to mobilize the equipment and access the drill site.

Following receipt by the EIRB of an updated Project Description by the Developer, the EIRB will inform IORVL, along with stakeholders and the public on the next steps and timing of the review process, which would include steps necessary to complete and finalize the Terms of Reference in an expeditious and timely manner.

Please feel free to contact me at (867) 678-8619, or [eirb@jointsec.nt.ca](mailto:eirb@jointsec.nt.ca).

Sincerely,

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