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Eli Nasogaluak **Environmental Assessment Coordinator Environmental Impact Review Board** Joint Secretariat - Inuvialuit Settlement Region Box 2120, Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0 eirb@jointsec.nt.ca

Dear Mr: Nasogaluak:

Re: Imperial Oil Resources Ventures - Beaufort Sea Joint Venture Exploration Drilling Program

Transport Canada (TC) has reviewed your letter of January 8, 2014 outlining the process that the Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) intends to follow in assessing this project.

TC wishes to apply under section 12.5 of the EIRB's Operating Procedures to be a Registered Participant in the review for this project.

TC is responsible for federal transportation policies and programs. It promotes an integrated transportation system that is safe, secure, efficient and environmentally responsible and provides expert advice and administers regulations, conducts reviews and issues approvals for works that may affect transportation.

TC has an interest and potential regulatory responsibility for any works built or placed in, on, over, under, through or across a navigable waterway via the Navigable Waters Protection Act (NWPA). TC also has interests and potential regulatory responsibilities related to marine safety and marine security.

TC is a Competent Authority as defined in Rule 1.1 of EIRB's Rules of Procedure.

Please ensure the following people are on the EIRB distribution list: Holly Poklitar, Environmental Officer holly.poklitar@tc.gc.ca and cc to: Meighan Andrews, meighan.andrews@tc.gc.ca; Kim Pawley, kim.pawley@tc.gc.ca; and Ignacio Duque, ignacio.duque@tc.gc.ca.

Should you have any questions regarding TC's participation in this review, please contact me via email at holly.poklitar@tc.ca or by telephone at (204) 983-8807.

Sincerely,

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