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Dr. Mr. Nasogaluak,

Re: Party Status request by WWF-Canada in relation to Imperial's "Beaufort Sea Exploration Joint Venture Drilling Program"

As legal counsel to WWF-Canada, I am writing to request that the Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) grant party status to our client for the purposes of the EIRB's review of the proposed Beaufort Sea Exploration Joint Venture.

On October 29, 2013 WWF wrote to the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) and requested party status in relation to this same project proposal. On November 1, 2013 the EISC granted party status to our client, on condition that WWF: i) abide by the roles and responsibilities of a Party detailed in section 5.2 of the EISC Guidelines; and ii) provide comments on the file by November 8, 2013. WWF satisfied both of these conditions, by filing comments on October 30, 2013, and by following the terms of section 5.2.

WWF's reason for requesting party status is the same as was articulated to the EISC. In short, our client can assist the EIRB to understand and weigh the risks this project represents to the natural environment and those who rely on it.

As an organization dedicated to conserving the natural world that sustains us, WWF is actively engaged in efforts to manage the potential risks of offshore oil development. Represented by legal counsel at Ecojustice, WWF participated in the National Energy Board's Arctic Offshore Drilling Review, and consequently has an interest in the effective implementation of NEB requirements. As well, WWF has contributed to the work of the Arctic Council, through its Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME) and Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (EPPR) working groups. WWF is a founding member of the Beaufort Sea

Partnership. Currently, WWF is modeling oil spill trajectories in the Beaufort Sea because we believe this project will help to inform decisions about oil spill response preparedness in the ISR.

If granted party status, WWF anticipates making written submissions and participating in hearings as opportunities arise. WWF's staff, along with Ecojustice legal counsel and technical experts will submit evidence on technical matters, risk management and relevant law and policy considerations.

If you have any further questions about this request, my contact information is below. This is the appropriate mailing address for any formal documents that are part of the EIRB process. Electronic copies of such documents may also be sent via email, not only to me, but also to the individuals copied below.

Thank you in advance for considering our request.

Regards,



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