



## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

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By Email

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ATTENTION: Ms. Sherry Becker, Beaufort / Eastcoast Opportunity Manager  
Beaufort Sea Exploration Joint Venture

Dear Ms Becker:

**RE: BEAUFORT SEA EXPLORATION JOINT VENTURE DRILLING PROGRAM**

In the letter dated December 23, 2013<sup>1</sup>, the Chair of the Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) informed you that the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) had referred the Beaufort Sea Exploration Joint Venture Drilling Program (the Development) for environmental impact assessment and review as set out in the *Inuvialuit Final Agreement* (IFA). In the same letter you were informed that the Draft Terms of Reference for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would be released by the EIRB in the near future.

Today, February 28, 2014, the EIRB has issued draft Terms of Reference for the EIS and this document is attached. At this time, the EIRB has also initiated a sixty-day review period that will conclude on April 30, 2014. During this time comments from Inuvialuit people and communities, interested parties and the general public will be solicited and considered by the EIRB in the finalization of the Terms of Reference.

In the same letter, it was noted that there are certain deficiencies in the Project

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<sup>1</sup> EIRB Registry [09/13-01] 028-1

Description (PD). In your letter of January 15, 2014,<sup>2</sup> you responded that it is your intention to address these information deficiencies in the EIS. Please note that while the EIRB has attempted to provide direction in the Terms of Reference as to information requirements for the EIS, the absence of clear definition of certain components of the Development at this time may lead to additional information requirements later in the process.

The EIRB will expeditiously review this Development and on the basis of the evidence and information before it shall recommend whether or not the Development should proceed and, if it should, on what terms and conditions, including mitigation and remedial measures. The Review Board may also recommend that the Development should be subject to further assessment and review and, if so, the data or information required.

Please feel free to contact me at (867) 777-2828, or [eirb@jointsec.nt.ca](mailto:eirb@jointsec.nt.ca).

Sincerely,



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<sup>2</sup> EIRB Registry [09/13-01] 034-2