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Via email: eirb@jointsec.nt.ca

RE: Beaufort Sea Exploration Joint Venture Drilling Program
Scope of Development Update

Dear Mr. Binder:

As indicated in your May 2014 letter to Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Ltd. (Imperial), the Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB or the Board) noted that the Beaufort Sea Exploration Joint Venture Drilling Program scope of development *"is still not comprehensive of all potential project components and activities, particularly regarding onshore facilities and activities that may be required, or the potential need to dredge Tuktoyaktuk harbour or other potential locations"*. Furthermore, the Board requested Imperial provide additional information to enable the Board to issue the final Terms of Reference (ToR).

In its June 2014 response to the Board, Imperial committed to update the scope of the development, including information on the need to dredge Tuktoyaktuk Harbour and the use of Tuktoyaktuk as a shore base and any other potential onshore facilities. Notwithstanding Imperial's June 2014 letter, Imperial now plans to provide an updated scope of development to the EIRB before the National Energy Board rules on Imperial's proposal concerning the same season relief well policy. To facilitate the Board's preparation of the final ToR, it would be helpful if the Board identified to Imperial any other routine program activities requiring further detail. This will enable Imperial to prepare and submit a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement based on the final ToR.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

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