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Via email: rbinder@eirb.jointsec.nt.ca

Re: Request for Party Status in the EIRB 09-13-01 Beaufort Sea Exploration Joint Venture Program – Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Ltd.

Dear Mr. Binder,

As briefly discussed on May 4, 2015, Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) is seeking Party Status for the Environmental Impact Review Board's (EIRB) public review of the Beaufort Sea Exploration Joint Venture.

Last year, NRCan engaged a specialist in marine geology and geohazards to review the EIRB's draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the project. NRCan comments on the draft ToR are on the EIRB's public registry (File No.: 09/13-01-0075) as part of the Northern Project Management Office April 29, 2014 submission of consolidated federal comments:
<http://eirb.staging.baytek.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/075-1-Government-of-Canada-consolidated-comments-on-draft-ToR-IORVL-Beaufort-Offshore-Drilling-Program-EA.pdf>.

Please include myself and Kathleen Cavallaro (Kathleen.cavallaro@nrcan.gc.ca; 613-996-0055) on the distribution for correspondence related to the project review.

Should you have any questions regarding NRCan's participation in this review please don't hesitate to contact me via email at johnking@nrcan.gc.ca, or by phone at 613-995-7686.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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