

Environmental Impact Review Board c/o Richard Binder, EIRB Coordinator PO Box 2120 Inuvik NWT Canada XoE oTo

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Via Email and Mail

Dear Members of the Environmental Impact Review Board:

Thank you very much for your recent letter and determination of Party Status for the public review process relating to the Beaufort Sea Exploration Joint Venture Drilling Program. NRDC is pleased and honored to be included as a party in this important work. We welcome the opportunity to contribute our expertise during the EIRB's upcoming review.

With this letter, we wish to request that NRDC's primary contact in regard to this matter be updated. While Danielle Droitsch will continue to work on this issue, Joshua Axelrod will take over as the project lead. His title and contact information are as follows:

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We also wish to echo WWF-Canada's concerns regarding ease of party participation in the event that a full-scale environmental review process is undertaken by the EIRB. If currently available, a timeline for expected submissions by the project proponent will greatly facilitate our ability to best plan for the logistics of NRDC's participation in this review. If this information continues to be unavailable, additional clarity surrounding the EIRB's planned public process for review of the project proponent's Worst Case Scenario analysis would also be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

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