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Via E-mail/Facsimile

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
Newfoundland Offshore Study

Dear Sir/Madam:

Chevron Canada would like to submit the following comments related to the Regional Assessment of Offshore Oil and Gas Exploratory Drilling East of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Chevron has been exploring for new sources of energy offshore Atlantic Canada for more than 40 years. In 1979, the company discovered the Hibernia Field and since then it has operated or participated in over 50 exploration wells offshore Atlantic Canada, including three deep-water exploration wells. Chevron holds a 26.9 percent non-operated working interest in the Hibernia Field, a 29.6 per cent non-operated working interest in the Hebron Field, and a 1 percent interest in the Terra Nova Project.

Chevron supports the intent of the cooperative agreement between the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, the Canada Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board, Natural Resources Canada, and the Department of Natural Resources from Newfoundland and Labrador to conduct a Regional Assessment of offshore oil and gas exploratory drilling east of Newfoundland and Labrador. We encourage the federal and provincial bodies to produce a comprehensive assessment of the offshore environment that consolidates existing information, identifies and addresses knowledge gaps, and provides a framework for future exploration activities that assists in streamlining the regulatory requirements for those activities. The proposed Regional Assessment is an opportunity to generate a centralized data repository that facilitates future activities and eliminates the need for unnecessary duplicative efforts by proponents while also ensuring that activities continue to be conducted in an environmentally responsible manner.

Chevron looks forward to fully participating in stakeholder engagement meetings and working with the appointed Committee, the Task Team, and the Technical Advisory Group to further develop the scope of the assessment.

Sincerely,

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