



**Chief Safety Officer Decision**  
**(Application for Substitution, Equivalency, or Exemption)**

**Date:** 2020-Aug-12 | 9:35:28 AM NDT

**C-NLOPB Reference:** 2019-RQ-0047

**Applicant:** Diamond Offshore Drilling Inc.

**Applicant Reference:** OGW-015-PIR

**Installation Name:** MODU Ocean GreatWhite

**Authority:** *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Act, subsection 151(1) & section 205.069*  
  
*Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act, subsection 146(1) and section 201.66*

**Regulation:** Subsection 22(1)(f)(iii) of the *Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations*

**Decision:**

The Chief Safety Officer approves the Applicant, the owner of the *MODU Ocean GreatWhite*, to utilize its two personnel transfer devices and Fast Rescue Craft (FRC), together with the standby vessels' dedicated rescue equipment and the services of a Search and Rescue (SAR) helicopter, for the transfer of personnel in lieu of the six person rescue basket prescribed in the *Newfoundland Offshore Installations Regulations* subsection 22(1)(f)(iii) under the following conditions:

1. Diamond Offshore Drilling Inc. shall ensure that *MODU Ocean GreatWhite* will have transfer devices, approved by the Certifying Authority (CA), with the ability to transfer stretched personnel to a standby or rescue vessel, that are maintained in accordance with the manufacturer requirements and the CAPP Safe Lifting Practices (SLP) Guidelines prior to commencement of operations offshore NL.
2. Diamond Offshore Drilling shall provide confirmation to the Chief Safety Officer that a standby vessel compliant with "Atlantic Canada Standby Vessel Guidelines" with FRC coverage for emergency rescue purposes will be assigned to the *MODU Ocean GreatWhite* prior to commencement of operations offshore NL.
3. Diamond Offshore Drilling Inc. is to maintain, inspect and test the FRC and associated rescue equipment onboard the *MODU Ocean GreatWhite* to regulatory requirements as well as maintain trained crew to ensure readiness for the rescue and transfer of personnel in an emergency.
4. Diamond Offshore Drilling Inc. shall confirm to the CA selected Helicopter Operator availability to perform rescue through rescue basket.

This Decision is effective from the date of issuance herein until the earlier of:

- a) the date a Regulation referenced herein is repealed or the date a particular subsection that is the object of a substitution or exemption being granted hereby is amended or replaced, or



- b) the date on which the CSO and /or CCO (as applicable) revokes this Decision as a result of i) any enforcement action by the Board related to this Decision or ii) new information or analysis coming to light challenging the assessment upon which this Decision was based, including but not limited to any changes to commitments made by the Applicant in its application.

For greater certainty, Chief Safety Officer will no longer have authority under the *Accord Acts* to grant exemptions for Part III.1 transitional regulations once they are repealed.

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Chief Safety Officer