



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

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**C-NLOPB Reference:** 2021-RQ-0037

**Applicant:** Stena Drilling Ltd.

**Applicant Reference:** SFO-RQ-20-003

**Installation Name:** MV Stena Forth

**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 5(1) of the Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Installations Regulations*

**Decision:**

The Chief Safety Officer approves the Applicant's, the owner for the *MV Stena Forth*, proposal to use the Civil Aviation Authority CAP 437 *Offshore Helicopter Landing Areas – Guidance on Standards* for the design and construction of the helideck in lieu of Transport Canada's TP 4414, *Guidelines Respecting Helicopter Facilities on Ships* as referenced in the regulations. This is consistent with the C-NLOPB Interpretation Note 11-01 "Supplementary Guidance" issued May 31, 2011, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Any additional safety equipment that is required to meet TP 4414 are to be supplied and located in the appropriate locations, which will then be verified by the Certifying Authority (and communicated to the C-NLOPB) prior commencing helicopter operations under C-NLOPB jurisdiction.
- 2) The Applicant is to confirm that C-NLOPB Safety notice #2016-03, Helicopter Operations, has been reviewed and gap assessed accordingly. Associated mitigating measures shall be put in place prior to and during operations in Newfoundland and Labrador (to be verified by the Certifying Authority and communicated to the C-NLOPB).
- 3) The selected helicopter company shall complete an initial inspection to ensure the helideck and facilities are to their satisfaction. The Applicant shall provide the selected helicopter services provider with the content, commitments and conditions of this RQ, subsequent to approval.
- 4) Helideck Monitoring System (HMS) upgrades to be implemented in accordance with Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) instructions. C-NLOPB to be notified of any schedule slippage at the earliest opportunity if the installation remains in the jurisdiction beyond 01-October-2021.



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

- 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
- 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, the 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