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Dear Ms. Davis:

TGS NOPEC Geophysical Company ASA, Petroleum Geoservices and MultiKlient Invest (TGS/PGS/MKI) NorthEastern Canada 2D Seismic Exploration Survey National Energy Board Information Request No. 3

Pursuant to the National Energy Board's (Board) obligations under the *Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, the Board finds that further information is required to complete the environmental review of the TGS/PGS/MKI NorthEastern Canada 2D Seismic Exploration Survey.

The Board requests that you provide your responses to this Information Request by **5 June 2012** to Kyle Sherwin, Team Leader of Conservation of Resources and to the individuals copied below. If there are any concerns regarding the requested response date please let us know as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions or require more clarification regarding the attached request for information, please contact Christy Wickenheiser by telephone at 403-299-3869 or by email at christy.wickenheiser@neb-one.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

Sherl Young

Secretary of the Board

Attachment

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National Energy Board Information Request No. 3 to TGS/PGS/MKI File OF-EP-GeoOp-M711-555 4587 02 CEAR File #: 10-01-53884

3.1 Reference: Letter of Comment to the NEB from the Qikitani Inuit Association (QIA) dated 16 May 2012.

Request: Please respond to the comments and recommendations provided in the letter from the QIA specifically:

- a) Please comment on the concerns expressed by the QIA regarding the timing of consultations.
- b) Please describe how MKI will advertise their meetings.
- c) Please indicate whether technical staff will be available at the community meetings to address questions regarding impacts to marine mammals.
- d) Please comment on the recommendation for a multi-stage consultation process, including MKI's response to concerns regarding how Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit will be verified by knowledge holders and how the information will be used in the design of the program.
- e) Please confirm MKI's plans for conducting follow-up community meetings for the purpose of communicating the results of the previous seasons' program.

If applicable, please include in your response justification for why any of the recommendations made in QIA's comments would not be implemented.