



August 25, 2011

Mr. Miller Ayre
Commissioner – Hebron Project
Fortis Building, Suite 903
139 Water Street
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Dear Mr. Ayre

Subject: Hebron Development Application

Pursuant to section 8 of the terms of reference for the public review of the proposed Hebron project, I am pleased to refer the Development Application to the Commissioner for public review.

The documentation provided to the Board by the proponent to support approval of the project is enclosed. This documentation consists of the development application summary, the development plan, a socio-economic impact statement and sustainability development report and a benefits plan. Non-privileged supporting documentation, as well as correspondence between the Board and the proponent in relation to the completeness review of the application, is also enclosed.

With respect to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the Hebron project is subject to review under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) as well as under the Accord legislation. A "Comprehensive Study" level of environmental assessment pursuant to the CEAA is in progress, and the associated documents are available on the Board's web site. The Comprehensive Study Report (CSR) associated with this process is intended to fulfill the requirements for an EIS under the Accord legislation.

The draft CSR has been under detailed technical review by government departments and the public for some time and the substantive comments associated with this are nearing resolution. The proponent is preparing a penultimate draft of the CSR that incorporates responses to these comments and it is scheduled to be submitted to the C-NLOPB by the end of this week, following which a copy will be made available on the Board's web site and a copy will be provided to the Commissioner. In the meantime, the original CSR submissions, the technical commentary upon them and the proponent's responses to those comments, currently on the Board's web site, are believed to be sufficiently complete to inform the public review.

The proponent is currently consolidating the matters arising from the Board's completeness review into an updated development plan. We have instructed the proponent to provide the updated version of this document to the Commissioner in due course. In the meantime, any additional copies of the attached documents required for the public review process may be obtained from the proponent by contacting:

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Any consultations with the Board for the purpose of clarifying any matters respecting the terms of reference or the review process should be directed to Mr. John P. Andrews, L.L.B., Manager of Legal and Land and Corporate Secretary, 778-1458, JAndrews@cnlopb.nl.ca.

Yours truly,


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