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SENT VIA EMAIL

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Dear Ms. Walls:

On August 21, 2014, the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, former federal Minister of the Environment, approved the request from the Honourable Mary Polak, former provincial Minister of Environment, to undertake a substituted environmental assessment (EA) for the Aurora LNG Digby Island Project (Aurora LNG Project). That decision included the provision that the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) would conduct the procedural aspects of the consultation with Indigenous groups as set out in the *Memorandum of Understanding between the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office on the Substitution of Environmental Assessments* (2013).

On October 4, 2017, the EAO received a letter from Nexen Energy ULC (Nexen) requesting that the Aurora LNG Project be withdrawn from the provincial and federal EA processes.

On October 17, 2017, the EAO granted Nexen's request and the Aurora LNG Project was withdrawn from the EA process under the British Columbia's *Environmental Assessment Act* (letter enclosed). The EAO will, therefore, no longer be undertaking the substituted EA, as was agreed to by the former federal Minister of Environment.

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In closing, I want to thank the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) team for the collaborative approach and support in undertaking the substituted EA for the Aurora LNG Project. The important relationship between the EAO and the CEAA continues to evolve and gain resilience through every EA project.

Yours truly,

<Original signed by>

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Enclosure: Letter from EAO to Nexen Energy ULC

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Dear Ms. Valvasori:

This letter is in response to the letter from Tracy Young, Regulatory Lead, Nexen Energy ULC, dated October 4, 2017, requesting the withdrawal of the Aurora LNG Digby Island Project (Aurora LNG Project) from the provincial and federal environmental assessment (EA) processes.

The Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) has granted the request and the Aurora LNG Project has been formally withdrawn from the environmental assessment process under the British Columbia *Environmental Assessment Act*.

If you later decide to pursue the Aurora LNG Project again, you will be required to start the EA process over, with the submission of a new Project Description and associated fees. In that case, the EAO will work with you to determine what work, already completed under the withdrawn EA, is still relevant and may be carried over to the new EA.

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The EAO will post this letter on our Project Information & Collaboration system at www.eao.gov.bc.ca.

Yours truly,
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