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Attention: Joseph Vigder
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RE: Submission of Outstanding and Updated Responses to CEA Round One Information Requirements and Required Clarifications for the CNOOC International Flemish Pass Exploration Drilling Project: CEAR 80117

CNOOC Petroleum North America ULC (CNOOC) (formerly Nexen Energy ULC), is planning to conduct a program of petroleum exploration drilling and associated activities in the eastern portion of the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Area over the period 2018 to 2028. The Project Area as assessed includes two Exploration Licences (EL 1144 and EL 1150) in the Flemish Pass region for which CNOOC is currently the Operator and sole interest holder, and which have not yet been subject to exploration drilling activity pursuant to these licence's. In support of this Project, CNOOC has filed a Project Description (April 2017) and an Environmental Impact Statement (February 2018) (the EIS Report) with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency).

The Agency initiated its technical review of the EIS Report (April 2018) and has received preliminary submissions from government experts, the public and Indigenous groups and has analyzed their comments. The Agency determined that additional information (IRs) or clarifications (CLs) were required as part of their technical review. The Agency consolidated those preliminary IRs and CLs and provided them to CNOOC as "Round One Information Requirements and Required Clarifications for the Nexen Energy ULC Flemish Pass Exploration Drilling Project" (June 2018).

Some of the Round One IRs or CLs required additional oil spill modelling work to be completed. As agreed to with the Agency, the responses provided by CNOOC to the Round One IRs and CLs were to be provided in two parts (Part One and Part Two). CNOOC has developed an EIS Addendum document (the EIS Addendum) to act as a supplement to the EIS Report and provide responses to the IRs or CLs required by government departments and agencies and other organizations as part of the technical review. The EIS Addendum is a cumulative document that will continue to be updated with any subsequent IR and CL responses during the technical review of the EIS Report.

CNOOC submitted the “Round One Part One” responses to CEAA in September 2018 as the EIS Addendum (September 2018). In October 2018, CEAA identified three IRs (IR-04, IR-17,

and IR-45) from the Round One Part One package that required additional information. This EIS Addendum (Revised February 2019) submission includes the original Round One Part One responses, the revised responses to IR-04, IR-17, and IR-45, plus the additional “Round One Part Two” responses which encompass the additional oil spill modelling work that has been completed. The report from the additional oil spill modelling work along with a revised and updated Section 16: Accidental Events are included in accompanying appendices to this EIS Addendum.

To aide the reader to understand which responses were included in previously submitted EIS Addendum documents, each IR and CL has been “tagged” as “Part One Response – September 2018”, “Text Corrected – February 2019”, or “Revised Response – February 2019” and these tags show up in the compiled table of contents of the EIS Addendum. Subsequent versions of the EIS Addendum will also contain suitable tags to identify any revised or new responses at that time.

Please do not hesitate to contact either the undersigned in the St John’s office (709-733-2106) or Russell Morrison in the Calgary office (403-699-4701) if you have any questions regarding the enclosed material or if additional information is required.

Sincerely,

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