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Dear Mr. Forkheim,

SUBJECT: Flemish Pass Exploration Drilling Project – Additional Round II Information Requirements

On August 27, 2018, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) sent 20 Round II Information Requirements (IRs) and two clarifications to Equinor following technical review by the Agency and other federal government experts of Equinor's Round I IR responses (submitted on May 15, 2018 and July 5, 2018). At that time, the Agency indicated that comments from all participating Indigenous groups had not yet been received, and that additional Round II IRs may be submitted to Equinor once the comments were received and reviewed. The Agency has now completed this review and has identified four additional Round II IRs (see Attachment 1). These IRs include two follow-up IRs from Indigenous groups, and two IRs regarding additional information required to support the development of the Agency's Environmental Assessment (EA) Report.

The Agency requires acceptable responses to IRs in order to complete its review of the EIS and to proceed with the preparation of its EA Report. The federal timeline for the EA remains paused. Once you have submitted complete responses to all IRs, the Agency will take a period of up to 15 days without the timeline resuming to form an opinion on whether the required information has been provided. If the Agency determines the responses to be complete, it will commence a technical review of the additional information and the timeline for the environmental assessment will resume the following day. If the responses are determined to be incomplete, you will be notified at that time. If the Agency has not come to a conclusion after 15 days, the timelines will resume the next day. For further information, please consult the Agency document *Information Requests and Timelines*.

The responses may be in a format of your choice; however the format must be such that the responses to individual IRs can be easily identified. You may wish to discuss certain IRs with the Agency or other



government experts, as necessary, to obtain clarification or additional information, prior to submission of the responses. Working directly with government experts in this manner may help to ensure that IRs are responded to satisfactorily. The Agency can assist in arranging meetings with government experts, at your request.

The IRs and your responses will be made public on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry (CEAR) Internet site: <https://ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80129>

The Agency would be available to further discuss the information requirements. Please contact me at 902-426-9460 or via email at ceaa.flemishpass-passeflamande.acee@canada.ca

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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Attachment (1) – Additional Round II Information Requirements - Flemish Pass Exploration Drilling Project

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