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Reg. # 2177

Mr. Leo Power, President and CEO
LNG Newfoundland and Labrador Limited
P.O. Box 8161
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Dear Mr. Power:

Re: Placentia Bay Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Facility and Marine Terminal

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental environmental assessment screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by Part X of the Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Upon consideration of the comments received, I have concluded that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required to determine if the proposal may have significant environmental and social-economic impacts on matters within provincial territorial jurisdiction.

Additional project information is required to address, at a minimum, the following:

- updated baseline studies;
- potential effects on, and mitigations for, seabirds, including the globally-significant breeding colonies at Cape St. Mary's Ecological Reserve in particular, and to a lesser extent, at Lawn Bay Ecological Reserve and Mistaken Point Ecological Reserve;
- potential effect of the project aquaculture, and on commercial and recreational fisheries;
- proposed carbon capturing technologies and construction;
- liquefaction technology and process;
- risk analysis, mitigations and contingency plans;
- greenhouse gas emissions and the potential impact on reaching emissions targets; and,
- potential conflicts with other resources on land (e.g. Bordeaux Trail) and in the offshore.



Please be advised that components of the project do not lie within the territorial jurisdiction of the province. Therefore, the **Environmental Protection Act** does not provide me the authority to make a determination on the entirety of the project. I advise you to present relevant federal and independent regulators with a description of your project for a determination as to whether environmental assessment is required under another jurisdiction or regime. A coordinated environmental assessment with other parties would be required in order for a fulsome environmental assessment of the entire project to proceed. In accordance with the **Environmental Protection Act**, project activities should not proceed until the project is released from the environmental assessment process.

The project is subject to cost recovery to offset the costs incurred by the Crown in conducting the environmental assessment. Fees for environmental assessment can be found at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/env-assessment/fees/>.

If you have any questions on the environmental assessment process, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director of the Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Bernard Davis", enclosed in a blue oval.

HON. BERNARD DAVIS, MHA
District of Virginia Waters - Pleasantville
Minister

Cc: Jeff Dwyer MHA, District of Placentia Bay - Bellevue