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Mr. Mike Rose
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Dear Mr. Rose:

RE: Fermeuse Offshore Marine Base Project

The second Addendum to the Environmental Preview Report (EPR), submitted on November 16, 2016, has been reviewed and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the Environmental Assessment Committee (EAC) and the public as required by the Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Upon consideration of the comments received, please be advised that this undertaking is released from further environmental assessment, subject to the following conditions:

- a) Fermeuse Enterprises Limited (FEL) shall prepare and submit an environmental protection plan (EPP) for all applicable construction and operation activities, to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change. In addition to the information included in the EPP Table of Contents provided in Table 5 of Addendum 1, the EPP shall contain an Avifauna Management Plan, a Waste Management Plan and a description of fish, invertebrates, and marine mammals that may be present in the Fermeuse Harbour and Lumley Cove area year-round, and particularly during the planned construction periods. **The EPP must be approved by the Minister prior to the start of any site specific construction;**
- b) the EPP referred to in paragraph (a) shall describe the environmental protection and mitigation measures that will be applied throughout the life of the Fermeuse Offshore Marine Base project to avoid or minimize potential negative effects on the biophysical and socio-economic environment associated with the project;
- c) FEL shall adhere to all mitigation, monitoring and follow-up commitments made by the proponent in the EPR submitted on September 16, 2015, in the Addendum submitted on March 22, 2016, and in the second Addendum submitted on November 16, 2016; and
- d) FEL shall submit scheduled reports and partake in continued consultation with respect to employment and hiring practices, as required by the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour and the Women's Policy Office.

Although the undertaking, as proposed, is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. In particular, you are advised that the Provincial Archaeology Office requires that further work must be carried out under Section 13 of the *Historic Resources Act, 2001*, and must be completed prior to the commencement of

project activities. The Water Resources Management Division advises that any upgrades to either the water or sewer system, and any work that takes place in a protected water supply area, will require approval from the provincial Department of Environment and Climate Change. The Department of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) advises that new substances manufactured or imported into Canada may be subject to the *New Substances Notification Regulations* (NSNR) of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999*, and instructs that notification must be submitted to the New Substances Program prior to importing or manufacturing a new substance in Canada. For more information, please contact visit the NSN website (<http://www.ec.gc.ca/subsnouvelles-newsubs/default.asp>) or call 1-800-567-1999 or send an e-mail to substances@ec.gc.ca. ECCC further advises that the quantities of substances on Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Emergency Regulations* (e.g. propane, gasoline, ammonia, etc.) that will be stored on site must be considered to determine regulatory obligations.

A summary of the comments received from the environmental assessment committee during the review of the EPR and Addendums 1 and 2 is attached, to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals and legislative requirements.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation in the environmental assessment process.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Mr. Bas Cleary, Director of the Environmental Assessment Division at (709) 729-0673, or email clearyb@gov.nl.ca, or contact Ms. Joanne Sweeney, Chair of the Project Environmental Assessment Committee, at 709-729-2822 or email joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



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Minister

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