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Dear Mr. Flood:

**Re: Tors Cove Seal Processing Plant**

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, please be advised that an Environmental Preview Report (EPR) is required.

The EPR is necessary to provide information concerning the potential effects of the undertaking on the surrounding environment. Additional information requirements include, but are not limited to:

- a description of a potable source of water and disinfection system that will service the facility and ongoing water quality analysis that will be undertaken to ensure the water quality meets acceptable standards;
- a step-wise description of plant operations from receipt, storage and processing of incoming raw product to final marketable seal oil product; treatment, storage and final disposal/recycling of liquid and solid waste; and, transportation of final seal oil product and waste material from the facility and any increase in traffic to the area as a result of the project;
- characterization of potential air emissions (e.g. odour, dust) from the project and measures that will be undertaken to mitigate adverse effects on air quality;
- a description of the potential impacts of the project on tourism, avian and marine life and habitat, marine and freshwater recreational users and fishers in vicinity of Tors Cove Harbour and Tors Cove Pond;

- a description, including design details, of plans to transport water from Tors Cove Pond to the proposed seal oil processing facility;
- identification of the potential effects of the project, both positive and negative, on the surrounding socio-economic and bio-physical environment, including employment, tourism, the nearby East Coast Trail and parking in the area for trail and other recreational users;
- a Women's Employment Plan, and
- you are required to hold a public information session to provide an opportunity for interested members of the public to meet with you, at a place adjacent to or in the geographical area of the undertaking in order to provide information concerning the undertaking to the people whose environment may be affected by the undertaking. Public concerns brought forward during the information session shall be recorded and described in a separate section of the EPR, as well as measures that will be undertaken to address those concerns.

A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached, to provide you with advice for your consideration and inclusion in your project and in the EPR.

An Environmental Assessment Committee will be appointed for the purpose of providing you with technical and scientific advice regarding the preparation of an EPR. As per the legislative requirements, within 60 days of this letter you will be issued guidelines for the completion of the EPR. Please be reminded that, in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act, project activities may not proceed until the proposal is released from the environmental assessment process.

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director (A), Environmental Assessment Division, at 709-729-0673 or [joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca](mailto:joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



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Enclosure