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Our File: EA1415-02 Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project Husky Oil Operations Limited

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Re: Proposed Scoping Document and Information Request deadline for the Chedabucto Mineral Exploration project

In December 2014 Husky Oil Operations Limited (Husky) submitted a land use permit application to the WLWB for exploration activities on its mineral claims in the Whitebeach Point area. The purpose of the project is to delineate and evaluate silica deposits in the area. The project will occur over two to three years and includes drilling approximately 200 drill holes, ground based geophysics and bulk sampling. In February 2015 the project was referred to the Review Board.

The Review Board is proposing to tailor its EA process to reflect the scale of the Chedabucto project. The proposed process is outlined in the attached *Proposed Scoping Document*, which also contains a proposed scope of development and assessment. The Review Board requests that reviewers provide comment on the document. When reviewing the document please consider questions such as:

- Are the issues identified in the Scoping Document the ones that you want the EA to focus on?
- Are there other issues or concerns that are not identified?
- Does the proposed EA process work for your timelines?

At the completion of the public review of the *Proposed Scoping Document*, the Review Board will issue a *Final Scoping Document* and Reasons for Decision that will be used instead of a *Terms of Reference*. The Review Board usually requires a developer to produce a Developer's Assessment Report based on the *Terms of Reference*. However, for this EA process the Review Board will use Husky's land use permit application and any additional information generated through information requests that you may have as a substitute for the Developer's Assessment Report.

The Review Board asks reviewers to submit information requests on the Chedabucto project and to provide comment on the Review Board's *Proposed Scoping Document*. The Online Review System (ORS) will be used for the review of the Proposed Scoping Document and for IRs. The Review Board's ORS webpage can be found at the following link: <u>MVEIRB Reviews</u>. Please note the following deadlines:

- The deadline for reviewers to submit comments and IRs is April 10, 2015.
- The deadline for the developer to submit responses is April 24, 2015.

Please ensure that comments and information requests are entered using the ORS. Information on how to use the ORS and enter your comments can be found in the User Manual.



If have any questions regarding the proposed process please feel free to contact me at <a href="mailto:stoogood@reviewboard.ca">stoogood@reviewboard.ca</a> or at (867) 766-7053.

Sincerely,

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