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Dear Mr. Toomasie:

TGS NOPEC Geophysical Company ASA (TGS), Petroleum GeoServices (PGS) and MultiKlient Invest AS (MKI) NorthEastern Canada 2D Seismic Exploration Survey Request for Extension on Public Comment Period

The National Energy Board (Board) is in receipt of Arctic Fishery Alliance LP's (AFA) request (received 11 October 2013), for an extension to submit written comments on MKI's 30 August 2013 filing. AFA submitted that summer is an extremely busy time for their organization and that additional time is required to fully read and respond to MKI's 3,926 page 30 August 2013 filing.

The Board has decided to grant AFA's extension request. Written comments from the public, including AFA, must be filed with the Board by **31 October 2013**. Written comments may be submitted by email at ExproEA@neb-one.gc.ca or by mailing them to the National Energy Board, 444 Seventh Avenue SW, Calgary Alberta T2P 0X8, Attention: **Director of Alliance and Northern Applications**. Comments sent via mail must be **received** by the Board by 31 October 2013.

TGS, PGS and MKI may file with the Board a reply to the public comments no later than 12 November 2013.

Yours truly

Sheri Young

Secretary of the Board

Attachment – Letter from Arctic Fisheries Alliance LP

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Reference: Process Update for TGS NOPEC Geophysical Company ASA (TGS),
Petroleum Geo-Services (PGS) and Multi Klient Invest AS (MKI) NorthEastern Canada
2D Seismic Survey – Request for Extension

Dear Mr. Hamilton,

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension to the October 14th deadline for written comments with respect to the additional information filed by MKI on August 30th, 2013.

As you are aware Arctic Fishery Alliance LP (AFA) consists of four hunters and trappers associations and four community trusts from the communities of Qikiqtarjuaq, Grise Fiord, Arctic Bay and Resolute Bay. The partnership was formed in 2008 and now operates two 100 foot factory-freezer fixed gear vessels (F.V. "Suvak" and F.V "Atlantic Prospect") to harvest its Greenland halibut (turbot) quotas in NAFO divisions OB and OA.

We feel that extra time is required to fully read and respond to the 3,926 page report submitted by MKI to the NEB on August 30th. As you may or may not be aware the summer is an extremely busy time for our organization as we are actively involved in our fishing operations. One of the main reasons that the NEB rejected the original application from MKI was that it failed to provide feedback to three of the neighboring communities one of which is a member of AFA (Qikiqtarjuaq). While MKI has prepared responses to the concerns that we raised in our May 1st letter, we would like additional time to fully review the document to ensure that we are satisfied with the information provided and the approach and methodology that MKI will undertake.

AFA would like to request the deadline for comments be extended to October 31st, 2013.

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Chairman and CEO,

Arctic Fishery Alliance L.P.