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**Comments Invited on Draft Strategic Environmental Assessment Report
for Labrador Shelf Offshore Area**

The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) is inviting comments on the draft report “*Strategic Environmental Assessment Labrador Shelf Offshore Area*”. A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a broad-based approach to examining the potential environmental implications of a proposed program or policy decision.

The results of the Strategic Environmental Assessment will be used to assist the C-NLOPB in its decisions to issue exploration licenses for marine areas on the Labrador Shelf.

This SEA Report was drafted by the Board’s consultant, Sikumiut Environmental Ltd, with input from a working group, co-chaired by representatives of the C-NLOPB and the Nunatsiavut Government, with representatives from federal and provincial government departments and agencies, One Ocean, the Fish, Food and Allied Workers Union and the Southeastern Aurora Development Corporation.

Electronic copies may be downloaded from the CNLOPB website at www.cnlopb.nl.ca and the Nunatsiavut Government’s web site at www.nunatsiavut.com.

Printed copies of the report are available at the following locations:

- Southeastern Aurora Development Corporation Offices in Cartwright and Port Hope Simpson
- Nunatsiavut Government Liaison Offices in: Nain, Hopedale, Postville, Makkovik and Rigolet
- Nunatsiavut Government Offices in Happy Valley-Goose Bay
- Innu Nation Offices in: Natuashish and Sheshatshiu

or by contacting the Board’s office:

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Written comments on the draft SEA Report will be accepted until noon on May 21, 2008.
Comments can be sent to the address below or via email to ead@cnlopb.nl.ca.

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