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Dear Ms. Kathleen Funke,

**Re: Notification of the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board Call for Bids NS14-1**

This letter is in response to your letter dated June 4, 2014 on the above noted matter, whereby both the provincial and federal government are seeking comments from the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia on this call for bids.

The Sipekne'katik Band offers the following comments:

- The Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia **never** ceded the lands of Nova Scotia and **assert title** to all lands, minerals, natural resources and offshore waters of and around Nova Scotia.
- The Sipekne'katik Band holds fishing licenses within the bid area and surrounding areas for Lobster, Crab, Groundfish species, Snow Crab, Scallops, Swordfish and Tuna. There is concern of impact.
- The Sipekne'katik Band has concern of impact on the Swordfish migration, the North Atlantic Right Whale critical habitat, the Northern Bottlenose Whale, the Coral conservation area, the Lobster Broodstock area, the Juvenile Redfish areas and the Haddock Box area.

- The Sipekne'katik Band has concern for the overall ecosystem of the offshore waters of Nova Scotia with respect to this call for bids.

Sincerely,



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