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Mr. Jim Cormier,
Regional Manager, Environmental Affairs - Maritimes
Transport Canada
Heritage Court
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Dear Mr. Cormier,

I am in receipt of a copy of a letter written to you by Mr. Kevin Dunn, President of Keltic Petrochemicals Inc.

As his letter states, Mr. Dunn had hoped to be able to harmonize the federal and provincial environmental assessment processes. In fact, as Mr. Dunn points out, "Keltic was advised early on by CEAA that they would endeavour to harmonize the process and was on more than one occasion, advised to wait to allow the federal departments the time to enable harmonization."

I understand that harmonizing the process will now not be taking place. As a result Keltic Petrochemicals expects that it will take another four to six weeks for their specialists to prepare a separate document

As you know harmonization would have allowed Keltic to prepare one EA report that would meet both federal and provincial requirements. Were you to agree to accept a harmonized document, it is my understanding that Keltic Petrochemicals will prepare concordance tables, which will serve as guidance tools to federal government officials in their review of the document.

In the interests of time and resources, I ask you to consider accepting the document that Keltic is currently preparing as a combined and comprehensive study report/environmental impact statement that satisfies both federal and provincial requirements in one document.

Sincerely,

Peter MacKay

Cc. Hon Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transportation
Hon Loyola Hearn, Minister of Fisheries
Mr. Kevin Dunn, Keltic Petrochemicals Inc.

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