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Ms. Barbara B. Pike, ICD.D.
Chair of the Board
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Sent via email: bpik@cnsopb.ns.ca

Dear Ms. Pike:

RE: Fundamental Decision – Issuance of EL 2437

Further to my correspondence dated November 2, 2023 regarding the suspension of the Fundamental Decision to issue Exploration Licence 2437, please be advised that pursuant to section 35(1)(a) of the *Accord Acts*, I have decided, in concurrence with Minister Wilkinson, to set aside the fundamental decision.

The Province of Nova Scotia respects the CNSOPB's due diligence to regulate and follow the prescribed procedures. Your expertise is acknowledged, and I am confident that we will continue to work together to modernize Nova Scotia's offshore energy sector.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tory Rushton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Honourable Tory Rushton
Minister

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