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## **SENT VIA EMAIL**

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Dear Ms. Walls:

On November 25, 2014, the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, former federal Minister of the Environment, approved the request from the Honourable Mary Polak, former provincial Minister of Environment, to undertake a substituted environmental assessment (EA) for the Grassy Point LNG Project as set out in the *Memorandum of Understanding between the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office on the Substitution of Environmental Assessments* (2013).

On March 13, 2018, the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) received a letter from Woodside Energy Holdings Pty. Ltd. (Woodside) requesting that the Grassy Point LNG Project be withdrawn from the provincial and federal EA processes.

On March 26, 2018, the EAO granted Woodside's request and the Grassy Point LNG Project was withdrawn from the EA process under the British Columbia's *Environmental Assessment Act* (letter enclosed). The EAO will, therefore, no longer be undertaking the substituted EA, as was agreed to by the former federal Minster of Environment.

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In closing, I want to thank the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency team for the collaborative approach and support in undertaking the substituted EA for the Grassy Point LNG Project.

Yours truly, <Original signed by>

Karen Christie for Scott Bailey Assistant Deputy Minister

Attachments (1)

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