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The Australian Senate
Standing Committee on Education and Employment
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra
ACT 2600
Australia

Attention: Mr. Stephen Palethorpe

Dear Mr. Palethorpe:

**RE: INQUIRY INTO THE WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY OF WORKERS IN
THE OFFSHORE PETROLEUM SECTOR**

This submission is in response to your correspondence dated February 22, 2018. In your letter, you invited our organization to make a submission to this inquiry, with particular regard to terms of reference (k).

Canada recently (December 31, 2014) amended its legislation governing oil and gas activities in Canada's Atlantic offshore regions to specifically address occupational health and safety matters. The attached documentation provides a good overview of this legislative amendment. It provides background information describing why the legislative changes were required, along with a detailed analysis of each of the components that were added to pre-existing legislation to address occupational health and safety.

I hope you find this information useful to your committee as you take on this important work.

Regards;

Stuart Malcolm Pinks, P. Eng.
Chief Executive Officer