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PEGNL wants to maximize offshore benefits; proposes both sides resume Hebron negotiations

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St. John's, Nfld.: The Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Newfoundland and Labrador (PEGNL) has written to the provincial government and to Chevron Canada Resources to encourage both sides to return to negotiations on the Hebron Project. The Hebron project is critical to sustained growth of petroleum-related expertise for engineers and geoscientists and for the continued development of other engineering and geoscience-related businesses.

“On behalf of our members, we have written to Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Danny Williams and Chevron Canada President Alex Archila to ask them to return to the negotiating table,” says Steve McLean, P.Eng., PEG’s Executive Director. “We believe that the stalemate cannot continue and we are strongly encouraging both sides to resume negotiations as soon as possible.

“The provincial oil and gas industry has become a viable and productive industry and the three offshore developments - Hibernia, Terra Nova and White Rose - have been important in developing our expertise in engineering and geoscience.”

PEG believes that it is important to maintain the momentum in the oil and gas industry which has been built over the past 15 years.

“Major projects such as Hebron are critical for the continued growth and sustainability of the professions of engineering and geoscience and for the future of the province,” McLean concludes.

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