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Expert Consultants Submit Reports to Inquiry

The Offshore Helicopter Safety Inquiry has received five expert reports from the four consultants who were engaged by Commissioner Wells to report on various aspects of offshore helicopter safety. These expert reports will be considered along with the testimony already before the Inquiry, and all other information received from consultations, reading materials, visits to Aberdeen and Stavanger and the presentations by counsel for the Parties with Standing, when they are received. The Inquiry has also received a report on the survey of workers/passengers travelling to and from our offshore installations.

The four expert consultants are;

Aerosafe Risk Management, a global aviation risk management company.

Michael Taber, a research consultant from Nova Scotia, specializing in offshore helicopter safety and training.

Dr. Susan Coleshaw, an experienced research consultant from Aberdeen, with a worldwide reputation in offshore helicopter safety.

National Research Council - Institute for Ocean Technology, Canada's national centre for ocean technology research and development.

Inquiry counsel, and counsel for the Parties with Standing will review the reports and ask relevant questions of the experts at public hearings. Commencing June 28, 2010 three days have been set aside for the questioning. The Parties with Standing may also submit their own consultants' reports to the Inquiry. The reports of the expert consultants and the survey report are available on the Inquiry's website www.oshsi.nl.ca.

Written submissions on the Issues previously identified and posted on the Inquiry's website, must be filed by July 31, 2010 at which time all written submissions will be posted. Additional public hearings have been scheduled to begin on September 8, 2010 for the presentation of oral submissions by the Parties with Standing.

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