



## Helicopter Operations Task Force (HOTF) S-92 Return to Service Assessment

# Appendix 1:

# Helicopter Operations Task Force Charter

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### **Grand Banks Helicopter Operations Task Force**

Charter - Revision 1

Proprietary

#### Purpose

Lead efforts by members of the offshore petroleum industry to safely resume personnel transportation by helicopter to the Grand Banks (helicopter operations).

#### Background

Oil and gas operations on the Grand Banks rely on a common helicopter transportation provider, Cougar Helicopters, to transport personnel to and from the offshore production facilities and rigs, as well as to provide emergency response and medivac support services. The three operators typically using this service are Husky, HMDC, and PetroCanada. StatoilHydro is also currently using the service.

On March 12, 2009 a Cougar helicopter went down into the Atlantic ocean en route to the Grand Banks. The cause of this tragic event has not yet been determined. Helicopter transport has been grounded voluntarily by Cougar. Personnel transport is being managed temporarily by supply vessels.

# Scope and Objectives

- Define the issues to be addressed prior to the resumption of helicopter operations and confirm their resolution.
- Develop and execute a road map for the resumption of helicopter operations.
- Develop and rollout a stakeholder communication plan for the offshore petroleum industry.
- Monitor the findings emerging from the TSB and Cougar incident investigations and confirm they are addressed promptly.
- Monitor Cougar's return to operations activities.
- Coordinate an independent assessment of Cougar's St. John's operations to be issued to each operator for their independent review and consideration.
- Develop contingency plans in the event either Cougar or the S-92 is grounded by the regulator.

#### **Expectations**

- Task force to begin immediately and to continue until the resumption of helicopter operations.
- Task force members are to be full-time dedicated resources.
- Task force is to seek guidance from the Steering Team, as necessary, and to provide concise, timely updates to Steering Team.
- Cougar Helicopters is responsible for integrity of its operations and addressing customer concerns related to resuming normal helicopter operations.
- All aspects related to flight safety should be evaluated by the task force.

#### Roles and Responsibilities

**Steering Team:** Paul Sacuta (HMDC), Ken Dyer (Husky), Gary Vokey (PetroCanada), Ed Graham (ExxonMobil), Erik Abrahamsen (StatoilHydro).

Task Force: John Fraser (HMDC), Dave Billard (Husky), Peter Alexander (PetroCanada).

**Independent Aviation Assessment Team:** Wally McKeown (HMDC), Brian VanHumbeck (Husky), Andy Evans (PetroCanada) Erik Hamremoen (StatoilHydro).

#### Support

Husky, HMDC, StaoilHydro and PetroCanada will provide coordinated SHE, Public Affairs, HR, Procurement and Technical guidance and support, as needed to support task force initiatives.