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Dear John Hawkins:

Change of Well Status: SW Arrowhead O-15 Well (WID1834)

On April 29, 2022, the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) received a complete application to Alter the Condition of a Well for the abandonment of the SW Arrowhead O-15 well (WID1834) from Paramount Resources Ltd. (Paramount). The contents of the application indicate that the barriers in place for suspension of the well were not pressure tested when they were installed.

Section 5 of the *Well Suspension and Abandonment Guidelines and Interpretation Notes* (the Guidelines) and section 36(2) of the *Oil and Gas Drilling and Production Regulations* (OGDPR) state that a suspended well must have at least two independent and tested well barriers in place. Therefore, the SW Arrowhead O-15 well is not compliant with the Guidelines and the OGDPR.

OROGO's records have been updated identifying the SW Arrowhead O-15 well as suspended non-compliant.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (867) 767-9097 or by email at oro.go@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

Pauline de Jong
Regulator