

News Release

Construction Labour Relations Association Concerned about Future of Newfoundland and Labrador Oil and Gas Industry

September 11, 2020 - The Construction Labour Relations Association (CLRA-NL), is standing with industry and business leaders in Newfoundland and Labrador to encourage immediate Federal Government action to support the fledging oil and gas industry in the province.

The Association has written the Federal Minister of Natural Resources, Seamus O'Regan, to express concern about the future of oil and gas projects which would have serious consequences for the economy of Newfoundland and Labrador, and to encourage leadership and investment.

"Our economy is struggling, the oil and gas industry in Newfoundland and Labrador is in crisis, and we have reached a critical time when Federal Government support and action is necessary," said Terry French, President, Construction Labour Relations Association (CLRA-NL) "Our Association, which represents unionized employers engaged in the industrial, commercial and institutional sectors in the construction industry in Newfoundland and Labrador, is gravely concerned that without federal government investment, the impacts to the economy, industry, and our skilled labour force will be devastating."

The September 9th announcement from Husky Energy concerning the review and possible cancellation of the West White Rose extension project and its future operations in Newfoundland and Labrador highlights the pressing crisis. This announcement follows cuts by Hibernia and Suncor, deferral of the Bay du Nord deepwater oil production project, and uncertainty about the future of the Terra Nova FPSO.

"The future of oil and gas exploration and development in Newfoundland and Labrador, along with the economic and employment spin-offs are in jeopardy. The time to show strong leadership and provide Federal Government support is now. Our Association urges Minister O'Regan as Federal Minister of Natural Resources, and as Member of Parliament for Newfoundland and Labrador along with all our Members of Parliament who represent Newfoundland and Labrador to act now, to step up for the people of our province and secure an investment to help the oil and gas industry. Never has the urgency been greater," added French.

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