Update: Hibernia response continues

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St. John's, Newfoundland: Hibernia Management and Development Company Ltd. (HMDC) is continuing response efforts regarding a release from the platform on July 17.

There are five wildlife observers in the field today. A report was received of one oiled bird in the area of the single vessel side sweep (SVSS). An attempt was made to recover the bird utilizing a fast rescue craft, however, when the crew reached the area it could not locate the bird. We have reported the bird sighting to regulatory authorities including Canadian Wildlife Service, Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board. The Seabird Rehabilitation Centre is on standby as a precautionary measure. The third party wildlife observers are continuing observations and there have been no other reports of impacted wildlife.

There are currently seven support vessels in the field. The Atlantic Merlin and the Paul A Sacuta have deployed SVSS systems and are collecting oil from the water. The Atlantic Shrike and the Atlantic Kestrel are also collecting oil today using additional mechanical recovery equipment.

Observations from the vessels and over flight continue.

All platform personnel are safe.

Production remains shut in. HMDC is continuing its investigation. More information will be released when it becomes available.

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