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Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to invite you to join us in Halifax on August 8 and 9, 2007 for the *Nova Scotia Basin Forum*. The event is sponsored by the OETR Association with participation from organizations committed to geoscience research in Nova Scotia.

The forum will bring together delegates from industry and the research community to collectively reflect on the issues and challenges facing offshore energy development in Nova Scotia and help investors and others understand some of the complex questions that remain unanswered in our offshore. It will also be an opportunity to learn about some of the research initiatives being funded by various entities such as OETR, PRAC and GSC.

The forum sessions are designed to maximize opportunity for delegates to discuss the current state of research initiatives and to identify opportunities for further research and development.

- **Forum sessions will address:** What we currently know about hydrocarbon prospectivity offshore Nova Scotia
- What we can learn from studying the geology and hydrocarbon prospectivity of similar international conjugate margins
- The challenges faced by petroleum companies active in international jurisdictions and examples of how they have been overcome
- The challenges and needs of industry companies previously, currently or potentially engaged in exploring Nova Scotia's offshore
- How these elements can be linked together to create a relevant and comprehensive strategy focused on essential geoscience initiatives

We need your experience and expertise to identify where we are and where we need to be in order to see the potential of Nova Scotia's offshore realized. We look forward to your participation in this important initiative.

Please contact Wanda Barrett (barretwm@gov.ns.ca) for more information or look for your invitation in the mail.

Sincerely,

Bruce Cameron
Secretary-Treasurer