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By Email

Mr. Dan McDougall
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**Re: SEM-11-003 (*Protection of Polar Bears*) Submission
Acknowledgment of receipt of Canada's Response**

Dear Mr. McDougall:

We hereby acknowledge receipt of the response of the Government of Canada to the above-captioned submission, received by electronic mail on 24 January 2013. We will update our electronic public registry accordingly.

We anticipate that, in accordance with Guideline 19.3 of the "Guidelines for Submissions on Enforcement Matters under Articles 14 and 15 of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation" ("NAAEC"), the Secretariat will deliver its determination under NAAEC Article 15(1) by 25 July 2013.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Enrique Lendo, Mexico Alternate Representative
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