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This report entitled *British Columbia Offshore Oil and Gas Technology Update* is an update of the 1998 AGRA Earth and Environmental Limited report *Review of Offshore Development Technologies* prepared for the British Columbia Information, Science and Technology Agency. This update report is a component of the provincial government's review of the offshore oil and gas moratorium and is an extension of the process that includes the 1986 *Offshore Hydrocarbon Exploration, a Report and Recommendations of the West Coast Offshore Exploration Environmental Assessment Panel* and the 1998 AGRA report. Jacques Whitford Environment Limited has prepared this document as an unbiased update of offshore oil and gas engineering, environmental and socio-economic factors, and state-of-the-art technologies.

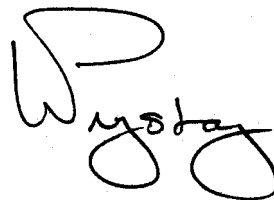
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