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Oscar winner Emma Thompson supports Nunavut fight against Arctic oil exploration

22 June 2015 (Toronto) — Actor, writer and long-time humanitarian Emma Thompson has added her name to the [Clyde River Solidarity Statement](#), a list of over 40 individuals and organizations supporting Inuit rights and Clyde River's legal challenge of a National Energy Board decision to allow seismic blasting in Baffin Bay and Davis Strait.

This news comes just weeks after the conglomerate of seismic companies cancelled their plans to begin seismic activity in Canada's eastern Arctic for 2015. In a [letter to the NEB](#), the proponents explain that "the current legal status of the project is still uncertain due to the judicial review process" and that through the decision to cancel seismic testing in 2015 they "will also avoid the need for a costly and potentially acrimonious injunction application." They also state they "are committed to this project and continue to diligently support it."

Upon signing the Clyde River Solidarity Statement, Ms. Thompson said:

"It's truly an honour to stand alongside the Inuit of Clyde River in their immensely courageous battle to protect their culture and livelihood from the impacts of Arctic oil exploration. Inuit have been stewards of the Arctic for millennia and it's terrifying to think the region could be devastated by the greed of oil companies in an instant."

"Seismic blasting – a precursor to destructive oil drilling – threatens marine life that are already vulnerable to impacts of climate change. If companies get away with drilling for oil, communities will then have to deal with oil spills in Arctic waters that are impossible to clean up."

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