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May 17, 2013

## Via EDGAR

Mr. Brad Skinner
Division of Corporation Finance
United States Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F St., N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: TGC Industries, Inc.

Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011

Filed March 15, 2012

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Filed March 15, 2013

Response Letter dated March 6, 2013

File No. 1-32472

Dear Mr. Skinner:

As discussed on our call on Tuesday afternoon, TGC Industries, Inc. plans to respond by May 31, 2013 to the letter from the Securities and Exchange Commission dated May 9, 2013. You can reach me at 214.651.5119 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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