

January 30, 2007

To: All Parties to the Environmental Impact Review being conducted by the Joint Review Panel for the proposed Mackenzie Gas Project (the Panel)

****** IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARTIES ******

Joint Review Panel intends to continue Hearings without restrictions

On January 30, 2007 Justice Phelan of the Federal Court of Canada issued an Order lifting the stay he had previously issued on November 10, 2006 that had restrained the Joint Review Panel (the Panel) from completing its hearings phase “in respect of any matters involving the Connecting Facilities ... or the territory in which the Dene Tha’ First Nation have or have asserted aboriginal or treaty rights.” Justice Phelan has retained that portion of the original Order that restrains the Panel from issuing its report until otherwise permitted by the Court.

Justice Phelan’s new Order allows the Panel to proceed with its hearings phase without any of the restrictions that were imposed on its hearings since November 10, 2006. The Panel had notified Parties that its’ February and March 2007 hearings would be subject to these restrictions. In light of Justice Phelan’s new Order, **the Panel is planning to lift the restrictions for those hearings it had previously scheduled for February and March 2007, unless Parties to the review raise an objection.**

Parties who are unable to make their presentations at these hearings, either because they have had insufficient time to prepare a submission on the matters that were previously restricted or because they have not registered for this hearing because they had intended to address matters that were the subject of the restriction, are asked to notify the Panel immediately.

If no objections are raised, the Panel will hear all pertinent information related to the entirety of the Mackenzie Gas Project during the hearings scheduled for February and March, 2007.

Information on the remainder of the Panel’s hearings schedule will be forthcoming.

Changes to the Joint Review Panel’s Hearing Schedule – March 2007

The Panel also wishes to advise the Parties of the following changes to the March 2007 Hearing Schedule.

- **Community Hearing session in Aklavik**

On January 16, 2007, the Panel agreed to postpone the Community Hearing session that was scheduled to take place on January 18 in response to the wishes of the community and in light of the death of a respected Elder. The Joint Review Panel Community Hearing

session in Aklavik will now take place on **Saturday, March 17, 2007**.

The location and time for this hearing session remain unchanged:

Sittichinli Recreation Complex
Time: 1:30 - 4:30pm and 6:00 - 9:00pm

- **Topic-Specific General Hearing on Environmental (Biophysical, Socio-cultural and Economic) Management Plans, Socio-economic Agreements, Effects Monitoring and Follow-up Programs (Topic 14b)**

This hearing session will now take place on **Tuesday, March 20 and Wednesday, March 21, 2007**. This session was previously scheduled for March 19 and 20, 2007.

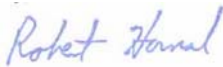
The deadlines for registration and the filing of written submissions for this hearing session are as follows:

Registration	February 16, 2007
Written Submissions	February 28, 2007

The location and times for this hearing session remain unchanged:

Tree of Peace Friendship Centre, 5009, 51st Street, Yellowknife
Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm and 1:30 - 4:30pm

Sincerely,



Robert Hornal
Joint Review Panel Chair

Attachments: Schedule for the Public Hearing Phase of the Environmental Review of the Proposed Mackenzie Gas Project (January 30, 2007)

 Summary of Deadlines for Joint Review Panel Hearings (January 30, 2007)