

June 6, 2007

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

RE: Project Update and Updated Hearings Schedule

On May 15, 2007, the Joint Review Panel (the Panel) received a document entitled *Supplemental Information – Project Update* (the Project Update) from Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited (IORVL). On May 17, 2007, the Panel also received from IORVL a document entitled *Estimated Economic Impacts of the Mackenzie Gas Project – Construction and Operations Update with Revised Capital Expenditure* (the Ellis Report).

On May 25, 2007, the Panel initiated a sixth round of Information Requests (Round 6 IRs) directed only to the Proponent and specifically related to the above-mentioned Project Update and Ellis Report. The deadline for submitting Round 6 IRs is Friday, June 15, 2007 and the Proponent must respond to IRs by Friday, June 29, 2007.

The Panel has reviewed the above-mentioned Project Update and Ellis Report and, in consideration of Section 4.7 of the *Joint Review Panel Agreement* (the Agreement), determined that the changes made by the Proponents to the Project do not require referral to the Parties to the Agreement.

Hearing on the Project Update and the Ellis Report

The Panel will convene an Open General Hearing for the purpose of clarifying the information presented by the Proponent in the Project Update and the Ellis Report and the effects associated with those changes.

The Panel will convene this hearing in Inuvik as follows:

Monday, July 9, 2007	2:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 10, 2007	9 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 11, 2007	9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Location: Midnight Sun Recreational Complex

Please note that the starting date set for this hearing is an exception to Rule 46 of the *Rules of Procedure for the Conduct of the Environmental Impact Assessment of the Mackenzie Gas Project by a Joint Review Panel*. The Panel is of the view that the shorter notice period is justified given that Parties will have already reviewed the Project Update and the Ellis Report in the course of submitting IRs.

Interveners will not be expected to prepare and file a written submission or make a presentation at the hearing. Only the Proponent will be asked to present the Project Update and the Ellis Report and Interveners will have an opportunity to ask questions of the Proponent.

The format of this hearing will be as follows:

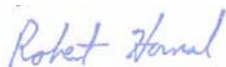
- Presentation from the Proponent;
- Questions from Registered Interveners;
- Questions from non-Registered Interveners at the discretion of the Chair (time permitting).

Registered Interveners and non-Registered Interveners must register to ask questions by **June 15, 2007** (note: this represents a change from the 30-day deadline usually allocated by the Panel). The Proponent must file its presentation with the Panel by **June 25, 2007**.

Remaining Hearings

Scheduling details for the Panel's remaining hearings will be released shortly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Hornal".

Robert Hornal
Joint Review Panel Chair