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II ISSUE:

Meeting with the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association

III BACKGROUND:

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Philippe Reicher, Vice President of the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association (CEPA), has requested this meeting to discuss a number of topics. These include: a pipeline industry update; Land Based Spill Response papers; CEPA Foundation; First Nations/Ministry of Natural Gas Development (MGND) value chain outreach; and, CEPA's pipeline literacy and outreach initiatives.

CEPA represents companies that transport 97 percent of the oil and natural gas produced and used in Canada, providing more than two-thirds of the country's daily energy needs. CEPA's membership currently operates more than 100,000 kilometres of pipelines in North America. Members of CEPA include Kinder Morgan, TransCanada Pipelines, Spectra Energy, and Enbridge.

While CEPA acts as an advocate and voice of the industry on strategic issues and regulatory/policy matters, it does not speak for its membership with regards to specific projects.

IV DISCUSSION:

Pipeline Industry Update

Work is ongoing between British Columbia and Alberta on providing details on how British Columbia's five conditions to support heavy-oil pipelines could be met. In particular, significant work is being done to set out how the condition regarding meeting Aboriginal interests could be met. This work is being done in collaboration with Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (MARR) staff.

Land Based Spill Preparedness and Response

CEPA and the Ministry of Environment (MOE) have prepared discussion papers on this topic. CEPA members are in accordance with the guiding principles outlined by MOE and are taking efforts to support MOE's stated intentions of:

- Establishing a world leading regime for land based spill preparedness and response;
- Developing effective and efficient rules for restoration of the environment following a spill; and,

- Ensuring effective government oversight and coordination of industry spill response.

CEPA Foundation

The CEPA Foundation is a foundation established to bring together the entire spectrum of the pipeline industry, from engineers and pipe manufactures to legal and regulatory experts. The foundation strives to ensure excellence across the pipeline industry through communication and the development of best practices. The CEPA Foundation has scheduled a spring event for April 24-25, 2014 in Mississauga.

First Nations/MGND Value Chain Outreach

CEPA is interested in conducting outreach to First Nation communities to increase awareness of the “value chain”, otherwise known as the pipeline support sector industry and associated economic activities that flow from pipeline development.

CEPA Outreach and Pipeline Literacy

One of CEPA’s primary roles is the promotion of greater understanding of pipeline safety and environmental practices by the broader public (including First Nations). This is because greater understanding would help address concerns often expressed during regulatory reviews of pipeline projects. CEPA works with government organizations and stakeholders to develop partnerships in order to reach as broad an audience as possible.

Other industry associations have developed partnerships to fund training and skills development. Given the potential for a number of new major pipelines in British Columbia, this may present an opportunity for collaboration with First Nations.

V CONCLUSION:

Suggested responses:

- The Government of British Columbia is working closely with pipeline companies on the development of natural gas pipelines in the Province.
- The Government of British Columbia is continuing discussions with the Province of Alberta regarding the transmission of bitumen to the coast.
- The Province of British Columbia encourages the pipeline industry to engage Aboriginal communities early and often – so that they are well informed of project proposals and are aware of how pipelines are developed to address environmental and safety criteria.
- MARR is supportive of efforts by CEPA to increase awareness and understanding of pipeline development in British Columbia.
- If one or more pipeline proposals are approved and proceed to the construction phase, the need for skilled labour and other services will be high and First Nations should be considered for meeting part of the workforce and contracting demands that pipeline proponents will need.