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I Prepared for the **INFORMATION** of Honourable John Rustad, Minister

II **ISSUE:**

October 22, 2014 minister's meeting with BG Canada

III **BACKGROUND:**



BG Canada has requested this meeting as a follow up to discussions at UBCM to provide information to the minister respecting First Nations engagements and in particular two particular initiatives where BG is bringing industry and First Nations together on 1) employment and training and 2) environmental stewardship.

BG Canada proposes to construct a LNG export facility (Prince Rupert LNG) on Ridley Island within the Port of Prince Rupert. It is anticipated that BG Group will be submitting its application for EA certification to the EAO in late 2015.

IV **DISCUSSION:**

BG Canada is a significant player in the LNG market and has a number of potential projects under consideration around the world. BG Group does not hold any upstream interests and has indicated that its approach will be to determine the viability of developing the facility and securing export markets before securing natural gas supply.

BG Canada has engaged with area First Nations (Lax Kw'alaams, Metlakatla, Gitxaala, Kitsumkalum and Kitselas). Skill and training and environmental stewardship are two topic areas frequently raised by First Nations in discussions and the Province is developing approaches to address these interests. Industry initiatives to also address First Nations interests are very desirable.

MARR is engaged with the potentially affected First Nations and is seeking to address certainty for the BG Canada project in the context of comprehensive benefits agreements. These agreements are under negotiation at this time with a goal of concluding termsheets with key First Nations by the end of October in the interest of providing some certainty to Petronas for their FID process for the PNW LNG project on Lelu Island.

V **CONCLUSION:**

BG Canada efforts to engage with First Nations and positively respond to concerns

they have raised can compliment Provincial efforts to address these concerns and secure First Nations support for LNG development.

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