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Meeting with the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association

III BACKGROUND:

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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:

CEPA Integrity First

CEPA has identified their Integrity First program as a priority for discussion. CEPA Integrity First is a management system designed to strengthen the pipeline industry's performance, communication and engagement by jointly developing common management practices and messages.

Mutual Emergency Assistance Agreement (MEAA)

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CEPA Outreach and Pipeline Literacy

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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 signing of the MEAA is a positive step for the pipeline industry as a whole and is an example of the value that CEPA brings.
- 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 awareness of how pipelines are developed to address environmental and safety criteria.
- 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.

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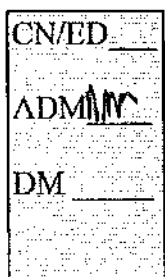
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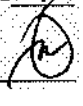
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