

MINISTRY OF ENERGY, MINES AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES

BRIEFING NOTE FOR DECISION

I PREPARED FOR: Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia

II ISSUE: Woodfibre LNG: Squamish First Nations Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Benefits Agreement

III BACKGROUND:

Woodfibre LNG (Woodfibre) is proposing a 2.1 million tonnes per annum facility on privately owned land in Howe Sound that will utilize electrically driven liquefied natural gas (LNG) trains.

The Project is owned and operated by Woodfibre LNG Limited, a privately held Canadian company headquartered in Vancouver. The company is a subsidiary of Pacific Oil and Gas Limited, which is part of the Singapore-based Royal Golden Eagle group of companies.

In November 2016, Woodfibre announced the project received board approval to proceed. Woodfibre has communicated its intentions to issue a Notice to Proceed (Final Investment Decision) and commence constructions late Q1 early Q2, 2019.

Woodfibre LNG will create an estimated 650 direct jobs during the construction phase and up to 100 full time jobs during full-capacity operations. Additional employment opportunities will be created in the construction period for the FortisBC Eagle Mountain pipeline that will be servicing the facility.

During construction and expected 40 years of operation, government revenues have been estimated at \$1.6 - 2.6 billion.

Woodfibre has achieved significant milestones in working towards a Notice to Proceed:

- Received environmental approvals from the BC Environmental Assessment Office, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, and a Squamish Nation Environmental Assessment Agreement;
- Fully permitted on major Federal permits, permit plan in place for the issuance of supporting provincial and federal permits;

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- Commenced decommissioning, pre-construction work onsite with completion scheduled for January 2019. The contract was awarded to Sukwi7 Contracting Ltd., a Squamish First Nation (SFN) owned company; and,

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Woodfibre intends to use clean energy from the BC Hydro grid for compression resulting in a LNG project with the lowest global emissions profile. s.13
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Under existing (previous government) mandates, the Province and BC Hydro have negotiated a Squamish First Nation LNG Benefits Agreement (“the Agreement”, dated November 13, 2018). Council approved the negotiated Agreement on November 21, 2018.
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IV DISCUSSION:

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