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Council of the Haida Nation  
Attn: President of the Haida Nation  
Box 98, Skidegate,  
Haida Gwaii, British Columbia, V0T 1M0

Dear Sir:

**RE: Gateway Pipeline Project**

In recent media reports and in your December 22, 2005 letter to the National Energy Board ("NEB") you have expressed an interest in the proposed Gateway Pipeline Project.

The purpose of this letter is to briefly respond to your concerns and to invite you to have further discussions directly with Gateway, should you be inclined to do so.

We note in particular your concerns respecting tanker traffic relating to the export of petroleum and the import of condensate and consideration of effects related thereto within the scope of the assessment of the Project. Gateway acknowledges that concern and have proposed to consider the environmental effects of tanker movements into and out of Kitimat as one of the factors to be considered in our assessment. In addition, the risk of accidental releases of petroleum will be carefully assessed, as will emergency response planning. Our approach for addressing these issues during the environmental assessment of the Gateway project is described in the Preliminary Information Package filed with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the National Energy Board in November of last year.

Tankers calling on the Gateway Kitimat terminal will be from the worldwide fleet and are classed and certified by independent certifying agencies. Regardless of ownership, this fleet operates according to International Marine Organisation (IMO) standards and conventions, including the IMO International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78). IMO conventions and agreements are adopted by IMO members and, in the case of Canada, are reflected in regulations and guidance pursuant to the *Canada Shipping Act*. In Canadian waters, regardless of flag or ownership, all vessels must comply with Canadian legislation, including the *Canada Shipping Act*.

While Gateway will not own or operate any of the ships calling on the Kitimat terminal, in its capacity as marine terminal operator, Gateway will develop a vetting process to accept only safe, structurally competent ships for oil and condensate shipments. This process will include ship design and operational specifications required for docking privileges at the Gateway Kitimat berth. Gateway expects to establish criteria requiring double-hulled tankers for its operations. In addition the federal government will be undertaking a "TERMPOL" review of the Gateway project to ensure that operational aspects of shipping and navigation (including emergency response) are suitably addressed.

At a more general level, we want to reiterate Gateway's commitment to sharing information and discussing matters of concern regarding the Gateway Project. Should you require additional hard copies of the Gateway Preliminary Information Package we would be happy to provide them. We will also ensure that you receive a copy of our application to the National Energy Board, and supporting environmental assessment as soon as they are filed.

Gateway would be pleased to meet with representatives of the Haida Nation to discuss concerns regarding our project, and opportunities that may be available during construction and operation of our pipeline, should it be approved. You can contact me at (780) 420-8555.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Hansen  
Director, Operations Services

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cc: National Energy Board