



# COUNCIL OF THE HAIDA NATION

December 22, 2005

National Energy Board  
444 Seventh Avenue SW  
Calgary, AB T2P 0X8

Attention: Secretary of the Board

Re: Enbridge Gateway Pipeline Project

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We are writing regarding Enbridge's proposal to construct two pipelines between Edmonton and Kitimat. This project has the potential to significantly affect the Marine Area of Haida Gwaii.

These pipelines propose to transport crude oil from Edmonton to a new marine terminal for export, and would also transport imported condensate. Any exported petroleum is proposed to be transported via tankers through the waters of Haida Gwaii (the Queen Charlotte Islands) on their way to Asia or California, and the condensate would arrive through our waters as well. The risks associated with this proposal would be borne by our people and other Coastal First Nations.

Enbridge intends to file its application with the National Energy Board in April of 2006. We believe that this project must also consider the effects of tanker traffic. Alternatively, the issue of tanker traffic could be addressed separately either prior to or at the same time as the assessment of the pipelines. If the effects of tanker traffic have not been addressed, it would be premature to consider approving a pipeline and terminal that would serve no purpose without tanker traffic.

To our people, this project poses the greatest risk of harm to our waters and our culture. Is the National Energy Board the Crown Agency who will consider the interests of our people in this matter?

Thank you for your attention.

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President of the Haida Nation

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