

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Squamish Nation

And

Environmental Assessment Office

And

Impact Assessment Agency of Canada

Background

Woodfibre LNG Ltd. has proposed project changes which could lead to an amendment (Amendment) to the Environmental Assessment Certificates issued to it by Squamish Nation on October 14, 2015 (#2015-001) and the Province of British Columbia on October 26, 2015 (#E1502) and to the Decision Statement issued by the Minister of the Environment of Canada on March 17, 2016 and reissued on March 7, 2018.

Squamish Nation, B.C.'s Environmental Assessment Office (EAO), and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency), collectively referred to as "the Parties," acknowledge that each party has its own respective regulatory and decision-making process for such an amendment request.

The Parties wish to cooperate in the conduct of the assessment of proposed changes while respecting each Party's processes regarding potential amendment of certificates and Decision Statement, in accordance with the following principles.

Cooperation During Early Engagement

The Parties seek to establish a collaborative early engagement process from the time the project changes are submitted by the Proponent until the decisions relating to the amendments are made, to enable coordinated engagement, to facilitate common requirements for information, and to facilitate joint issuance of documents.

Coordinated Assessment of Proposed Changes

The Parties agree to cooperate during the planning and during the assessment of proposed changes to enable coordinated engagement, to facilitate common requirements for information, and to encourage joint issuance of documents and coordinated timing of decisions.

The Parties seek to:

- Harmonize the timelines for planning activities and timelines for the assessment of project changes;

- Coordinate the development of respective requirements for information that a project proponent must provide for the analysis of changes and their potential impacts, with the goal of setting out joint requirements to the extent possible, and otherwise aligning requirements; and
- Collaborate on the preparation of a single document that meets the reporting requirements of each Party to render a decision on the potential impacts of the proposed changes and associated amendments to certificates and Decision Statement unless one or more of the Parties determine that collaborative preparation of the assessment reports is not practicable or appropriate in the circumstances.

Coordination of Potential Conditions

The Parties agree to collaboratively review potential conditions to be included in amended certificates and decision statement to minimize duplication and regulatory burden, and to align reporting and notification requirements, terminology and definitions, and deadlines with respect to obligations set out in the conditions, to the extent possible.

Coordination of Decision-Making Phase

Recognizing that the decision of each Party with respect to the project changes are separate, the Parties will keep each other informed regarding the timing of the respective decisions and will coordinate the announcement of decisions to the extent practicable.

Information Sharing

The Parties will develop a plan to identify opportunities to streamline the collection of information while ensuring each Party's legislative, policy, and contractual requirements, if relevant, are met.

General

This MOU is not intended to be legally binding.

By entering this MOU, the Parties are not agreeing to a harmonized process for any future impact assessments or amendment processes.

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