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Subject: Province of BC Referral Request on an Aggregate/Quarry Materials application for an

Investigative Permit - 6408617

Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District Joan Merick, Joanne Fraser

Aggregate/Quarry Materials Referral Number: 66038535 - 005 Reference Number: 114984 Request Sent: October 1, 2013 Response Due: October 31, 2013

You are invited to comment on the following Crown land application. A response is optional. If no response is received by the deadline, the application and adjudication process will move ahead.

This is a Crown Land Investigative Permit application for Aggregate and Quarry Materials - Construction Stone purposes.

Proponent: Metlakatla Development Corp

Tenure Type: Investigative Permit

Intended Land Use/background context: This is an application for an investigative permit for quarrying purposes. If the site is deemed suitable for a quarry, a Licence of Occupation will need to be applied for, and would be referred out to agencies.

BCGS Mapsheet: 103J029

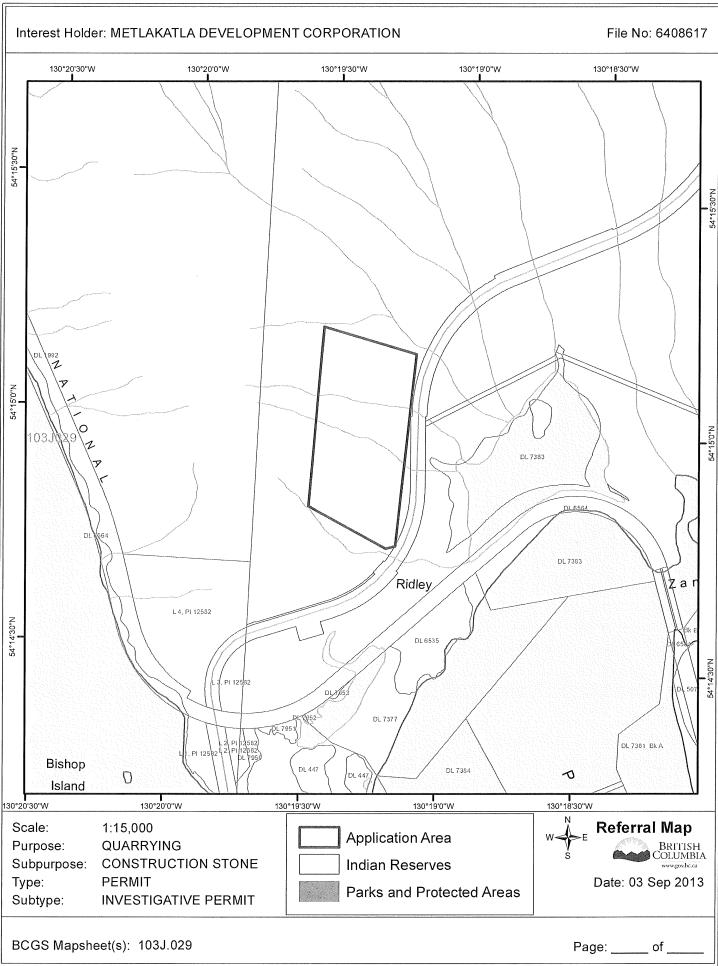
Legal Description: ALL THAT UNSURVEYED CROWN LAND IN THE VICINITY OF PORPOISE HARBOUR ON KAIEN ISLAND, RANGE 5 COAST DISTRICT, CONTAINING 27.73 HECTARES, MORE OR LESS.

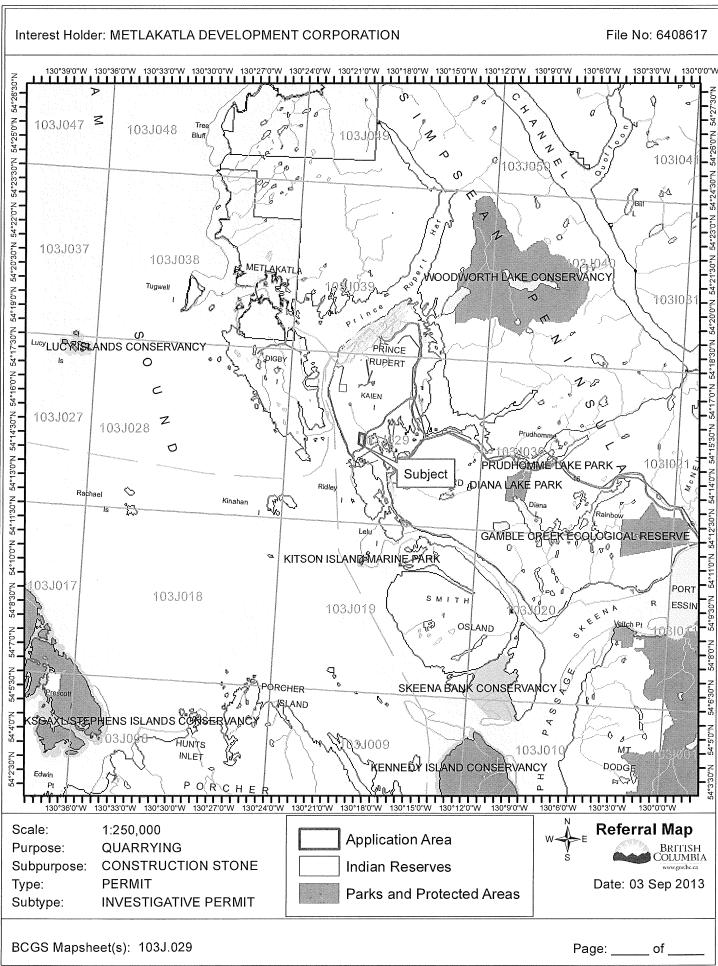
Size (Area) in ha. (approx.): 27.73 ha +-

Schedule/Term Of Proposal: 2 years

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Kaien Island Lookout Prospect - Management Report

1.0 Project Overview

1.1 Project and Purpose

The area of interest herein called "Kaien Island Lookout" is a parcel of land near Prince Rupert on Kaien Island that has been mapped as a potential rock quarry. Large volumes of rock material will be required by the Prince Rupert Port Authority, for the many planned port expansions. Metlakatla Development Corp. submits the following management report as part of an application for an Investigative Permit application on Crown Land for an investigation of the outlined parcel of land, (figure 2), adjacent to at Ridley Island road and northwest of the Ridley Island coal terminal.

If the investigation confirms the site contains suitable rock in volumes that are feasible for a quarry operation, Metlakatla will then apply for the parcel as a License of Occupation on Crown lands.

1.2 Site Location and Description

Kaien Island Lookout prospect is located 2.0 kilometers northwest of the Ridley Island coal terminal (figure 1). The Investigative Permit application is for approximately 31.5 ha and falls on Crown Lands.

Geographic coordinates: 54° 14´ 49″ N 130° 19´ 13″ W UTM 9N 413968 and 6011795

1.3 Legal Description

All that un-alienated and unencumbered Crown Land with Queen Charlotte and Range 5, Coast District, more particularly shown outlined on Figures 2 and 3.

1.4 Access Plans

The proposed site can be access off of Ridley Island Road. From the intersection of Hwy 16 and Ridley Island road, head 4.3 kilometers west on Ridley Island Road; access will be made by turning right into the site. Refer to Figures 1 and 2.

Small trails will be built using an excavator as part of the exploration process. The site has second growth tree cover, any merchantable timber will be avoided, when possible. If merchantable time is downed for access, the trees will be gathered, cut to length for self-hauling logging truck, and neatly stacked near an entrance point to the site for removal from the allocated contractor (to be agreed upon with the timber licensee). Note: this process will only begin once a Licence to Cut has been issue.

1.5 Site Plan

Please refer to the site general map (figure 3 and the site specific mas (figure 3 and 4). Based on a sampling grid test pits will be laid out across the Investigative Permit using a handheld GPS unit and flagging tape. There may be as many as 13 test pits, dug to a depth of 1 to 2 meters. Only those test pits that can be refilled within the same day of the sampling, will be dug, so approximately 2 to 4 days of sampling will be required.

2.0 Project Description

2.1 <u>Description of Work</u>

A field investigation will be conducted to dig as many as 13 test pits, throughout the Investigative Permit area. Depth of overburden as well as rock samples will be taken to determine if the rock is suitable for quarry operations.

The machine to be used will be a large excavator (e.g. CAT 330) outfitted with a thumb and bushguard to build trails through the forested area. A temporary small trench, the width of the machine's bucket, will be dug to the desired depth in each test pit.

Topsoil will be stockpiled separately. Each hole will refilled the same day it was excavated, with topsoil spread on top to restore the site as close as possible to its original condition.

Each test pit will require a small area for the excavator to sit and maneuver wile in operation, as well as an area for the excavated material to be piled until the hole can be re-filled. This space will be approximately $10\ M^2$.

Only small sample bags of representative material (rock: no topsoil) from each test pit will be removed from the site. All other material will be left in place. Topsoil will be piled separately to the underlying material during sampling, to be put back on top of each test pit hole once it is filled.

The Investigative project will require approximately one week of dry conditions during the summer period, depending on when a permit is granted.

2.2 Present State of Land

The Kaien Island Lookout Prospect is on Crown Land. The current land use is Forestry. The planning land use for this prospect has a reserve/notation for industrial uses. The site is mainly bedrock, sloping from west to east. The vegetation is the after growth of an area previously logged. There is a layer of organics and overburden on top of the bedrock.

2.3 Environmental

2.3.1 Land Impacts

The proposed investigative project will have minimal impacts to the land as the test pits are temporary and small scale. The forest cover is mostly non-merchantable timber. Some trees will be remove during building of the trails to access the test pits sites; this will be done in a way to minimize the required number of trails for access to the sites, reducing the number of trees that need to be removed. Any trees that need to be felled during trail building will be hauled to the access area off the main road, bucked to accommodate a self-hauling logging truck, and neatly stacked. They will be removed from the site by the contractor that is in agreement with the forest tenure holder (to be determined at a later date once volumes have been determined).

2.3.2 Atmospheric Impacts

There will be some diesel exhaust from the operating machinery, but this will be kept to a minimum. Some dust maybe produced during the excavation, but the coarse grain size of the material should keep this to a minimum. There are no nearby residences

(the nearest residence is over 5.6 kilometers away from the proposed operation) to be disturbed by what noise may be produced during the project (operating machinery). Hours of operation will be limited to 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, during the work week, and the whole testing will take less than one week to complete. Odor are not expected to be a concern.

2.3.3 Aquatic Impacts

The proposed sampling project will have no direct impact on the aquatic environment; there are two seasonal water courses within the project area, which only flow during the heavy winter rain season. The testing will be done during the period that these small water channels are not flowing. If necessary a mat will be constructed to cross the intermittent streams. The depth to the water table is not known, but if water is encountered during the sampling, excavation of the hole will stop immediately.

2.3.4 Fish and Wildlife Impacts

The proposed project should have no direct impact onfish and wildlife habitats. The nearest water body is the ocean, which is 250 meters to the west of Ridley Island road. The proposed project will have no direct connectivity to the ocean, and no disturbances is expected as the test pit will be small, isolated patches of land disturbed for very limited amounts of time (one day). There are no known threatened or endangered species in the area that will be impacted by this project.

2.4 Socio-Community

2.4.1 Land Use

The proposed project will not affect existing land uses in the area, as the land is remote from residential zoning, and has a reserve/notation appropriately for the proposed work. All test pits will be filled on the same day they are dug, and topsoil will be replaced immediately following the filling of the holes.

2.4.2 Socio-community Conditions

The proposed project will not affect or influence existing community services or infrastructure, as the site is remote and not disturbing any existing water lines supplies, emergency services, or transportation. Traffic from the machinery to the site will be

infrequent and minimal on Ridley Island road; a flatbed will bring the machine to the site on the first day of testing, and remove it at the end of the program, (5 days later).

2.4.3 Public Health

The proposed project will not affect public health, as there will be minimal to zero waste on-site, and waste disposal will be managed responsibly and according to site codes. Site contamination will be minimal to zero. Spill kits will accompany the machinery.

2.4.4 First Nations

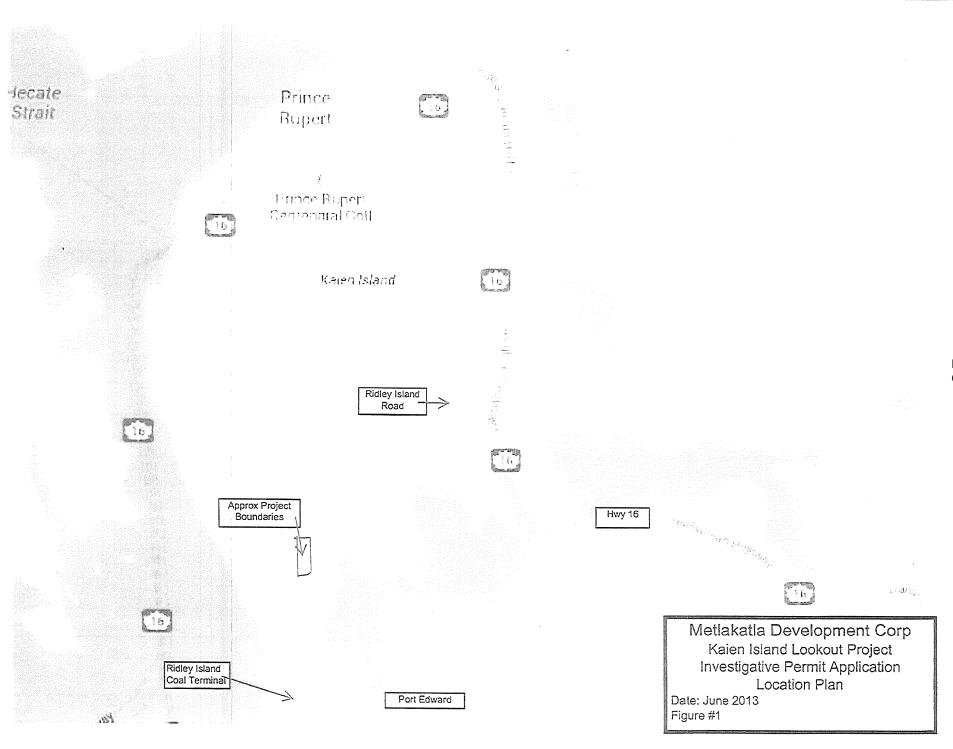
We the Metlakatla First Nation are not aware of any cultural significance of this site or the surrounding areaas.

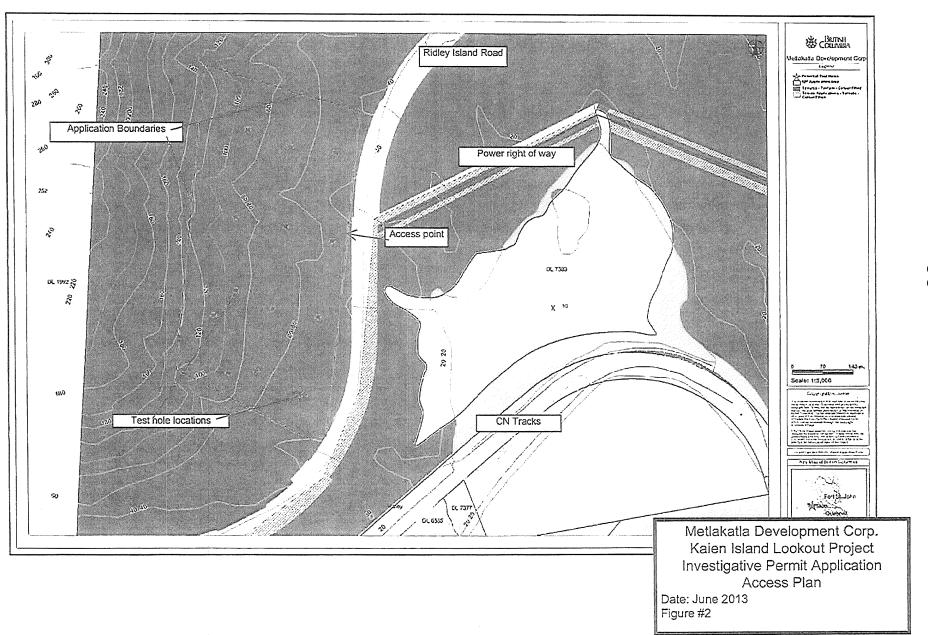
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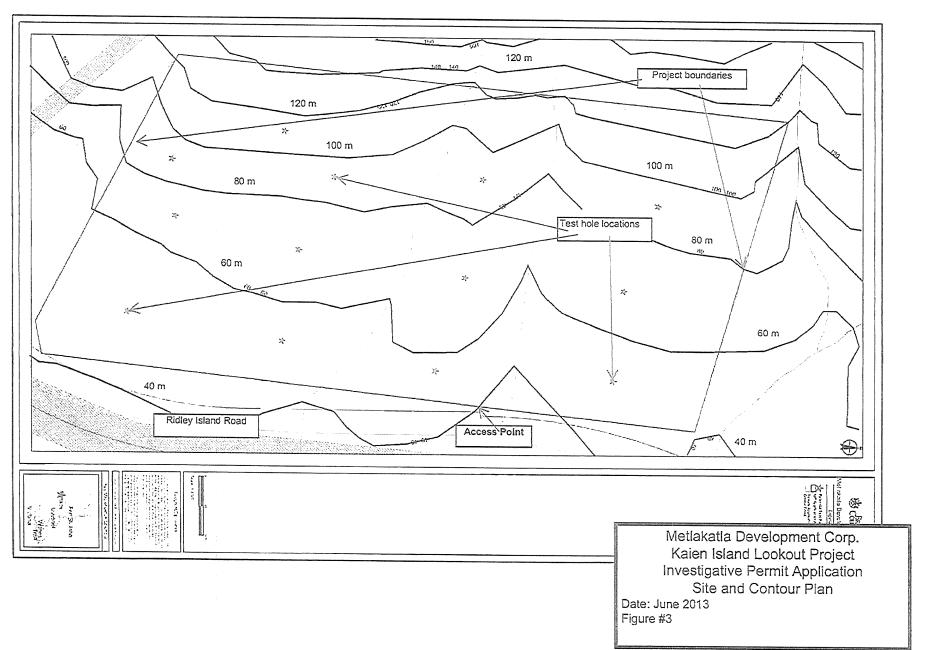
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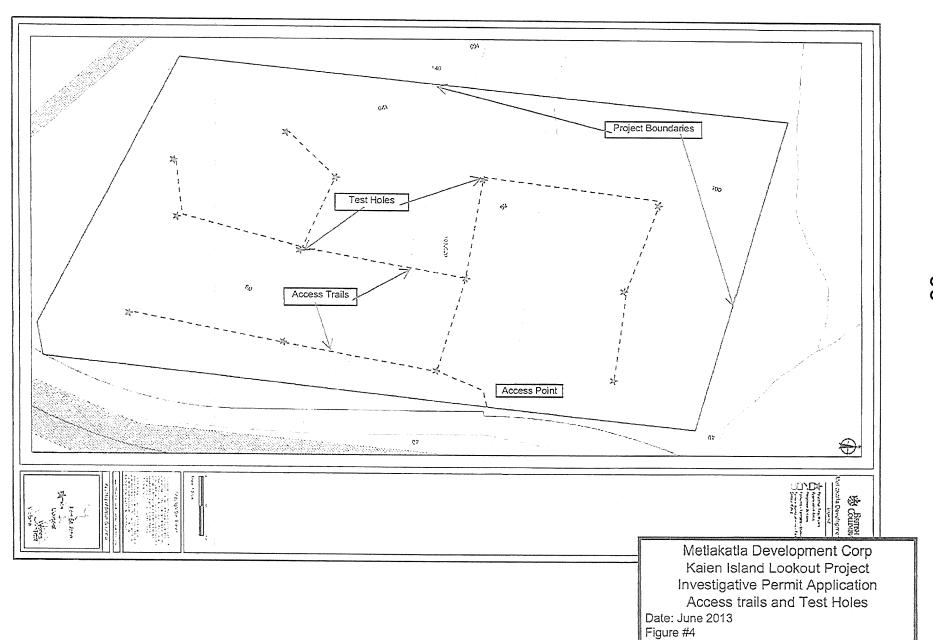
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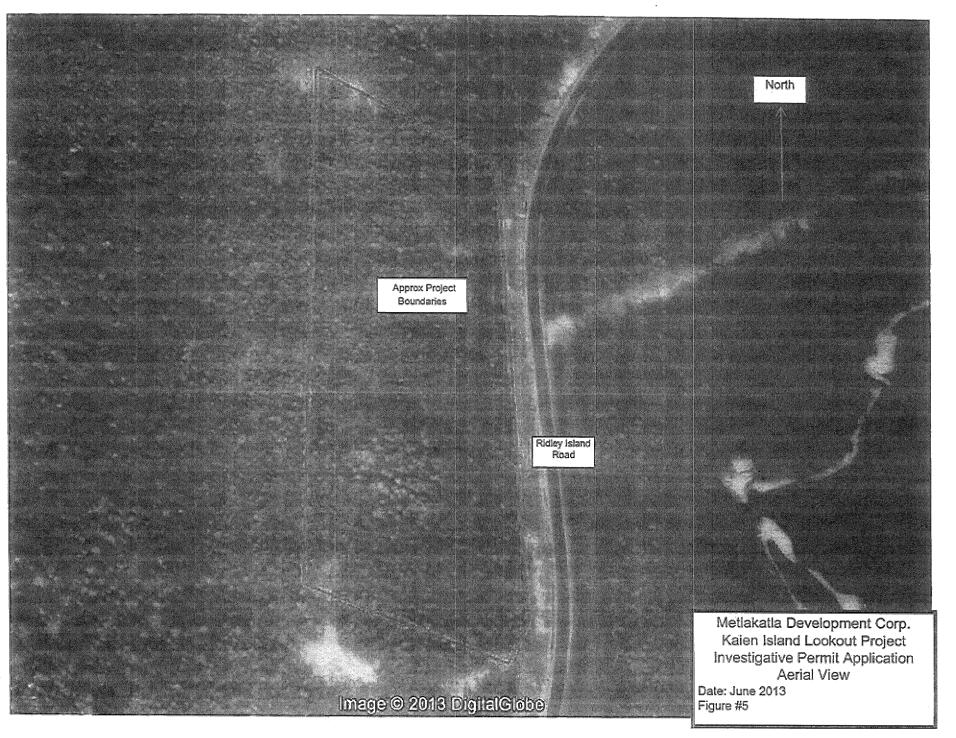
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Re: PRINCE RUPERT GAS TRANSMISSION LTD.

HMA File No. 13-3551 PRGT-0041-AA

TCPL File No. 2216588 Tenure No. MUNICIPALITY

Investigative Area (Crossing No.316) within Units 13, 14, 23 & 24, Blk I, 103-P-6

Boreholes

Please be informed that our client, Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Transcanada, is preparing to make application for permit(s) to undertake geotechnical assessments of selected river crossings. Enclosed is a description of the proposed work and map of where it will be done.

If you have any questions or concerns about this proposal please respond within fourteen (14) days of receiving this letter. Your comments or queries may be directed to myself, John Derksen at 403-385-4231 or email iderksen@hmaland.com.

Yours truly, HMA Land Services Ltd.

John Derksen Project Manager

Enclosure /km

> Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Project



Engineering Geotechnical Investigative Program

Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) Site Assessment

Kshadin Creek Crossing

Alice Arm / Crossing 316

Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of TransCanada Corporation, is seeking to undertake a Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) Site Assessment at Kshadin Creek Crossing.

HDD is a non-obtrusive, trenchless method of installing a pipeline with minimal impact to surrounding areas. Field assessments are undertaken to confirm the technical feasibility of constructing pipeline crossings using HDD techniques.

Prior to implementation, a planned travel route will be established for each site. Generally, existing highways, logging roads, or trails are used to access the sites. There may be some brushing or clearing required. In some circumstances, barge-supported drill rigs and heli-portable drill rigs may be used if access is restricted.

Geotechnical investigation includes both soil boring and soil sampling. A drilling rig is used to drill boreholes into the subsurface and to obtain soil samples for laboratory testing. The boreholes are approximately 150 mm in diameter, and depths may vary depending on site conditions. Depending on the drilling technique used, water may be required for the drilling process. If required, water will be withdrawn from Nass River, under Section 8 of the BC Water Act. The water is recirculated during the drilling process. Up to two boreholes are planned for the geotechnical investigations pertaining to Kshadin Creek Crossing.

Geophysical survey is a non-intrusive method to obtain soil information on the physical properties of soil and rock. The geophysical survey is implemented using Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) technology or Electrical Resistivity Tomography (ERT) techniques to map subsurface conditions. If used, the GPR unit will be towed behind an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) such as a quad or Argo type vehicle, using radar pulses to image the subsurface. The ERT technique involves the temporary insertion of approximately 1.5 cm diameter x 1.2 m long stainless steel electrodes into the ground up to a maximum depth of 1 m, at regular intervals.

To do the borehole drilling and geophysical survey, a cutline 1.5 m in width connecting each of the borehole sites may be cleared for safety and access.

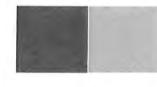
Schedule - Fall 2013 (Pending Regulatory Approval)

Duration – It is anticipated that the investigative program will require 15 days to complete, not including mobilization, site preparation, and demobilization. Geophysical survey will occur during the drilling operation, and expected to be completed within the drilling schedule for each site.

Equipment – A limited number of vehicles may be required, such as a heli-portable rig, drilling tools and materials, an air compressor, clearing equipment such as chain saws, and geophysical survey equipment.



Prince RupertGas Transmission Project





Left: A compact drilling rig.

Right: A heli-portable drilling rig.





Left: A larger track mounted drilling rig.



