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**REGISTERED MAIL**

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF SKEENA-QUEEN CHARLOTTE  
ATTN: JOAN MERRICK  
100 - 1ST AVENUE EAST  
PRINCE RUPERT, BRITISH COLUMBIA V8J 1A6

PRGT4776-HMA-LA-LTR-00540

Re: PRINCE RUPERT GAS TRANSMISSION LTD.

HMA File No. 13-3551 PRGT-0001-H16

TCPL File No. 2216588

Tenure No. MUNICIPALITY

Helicopter Review Corridors within Unit 80, Block E, 103-I-12, Units 16, 47 & 48, 87, Block G, 103-J-8, Unit 60, Block A & Unit 51, Block B, 103-J-8, Unit 1, Block B, 103-J-8, Units 69, 88, 92, Block J, 103-J-1

Heli Pad

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Please be informed that our client, Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of TransCanada, is preparing to make application for Heli-Pad permit(s). 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 [jderksen@hmaland.com](mailto:jderksen@hmaland.com).

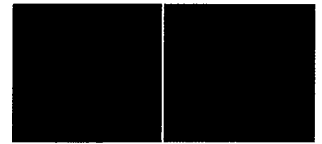
Yours truly,  
**HMA Land Services Ltd.**

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John Derksen  
Project Manager

Enclosure  
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**Prince Rupert**  
Gas Transmission Project



## Helipad Clearings

Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Ltd. (PRGT), a wholly owned subsidiary of TransCanada Corporation, is evaluating the feasibility of a 1,219 mm outside diameter (NPS 48) pipeline that would transport natural gas across British Columbia from the Hudson's Hope area to Prince Rupert.

Part of the feasibility evaluation requires PRGT personnel to work in remote areas where they can conduct on-the-ground assessments of potential routes. Consequently, PRGT requires a number of helipads to enable access to those areas. The helipads will be used by PRGT personnel to get to and from their work areas and will also be important to emergency preparedness in the event that PRGT personnel need to be quickly evacuated from an area.

Wherever possible, PRGT has selected existing clearings for use as helipads. However, there is also a need for several helipads in forested areas on Crown Lands. The sites in forested areas were selected to avoid sites with known archaeological potential or environmental sensitivities that would be incompatible with use as a helipad.

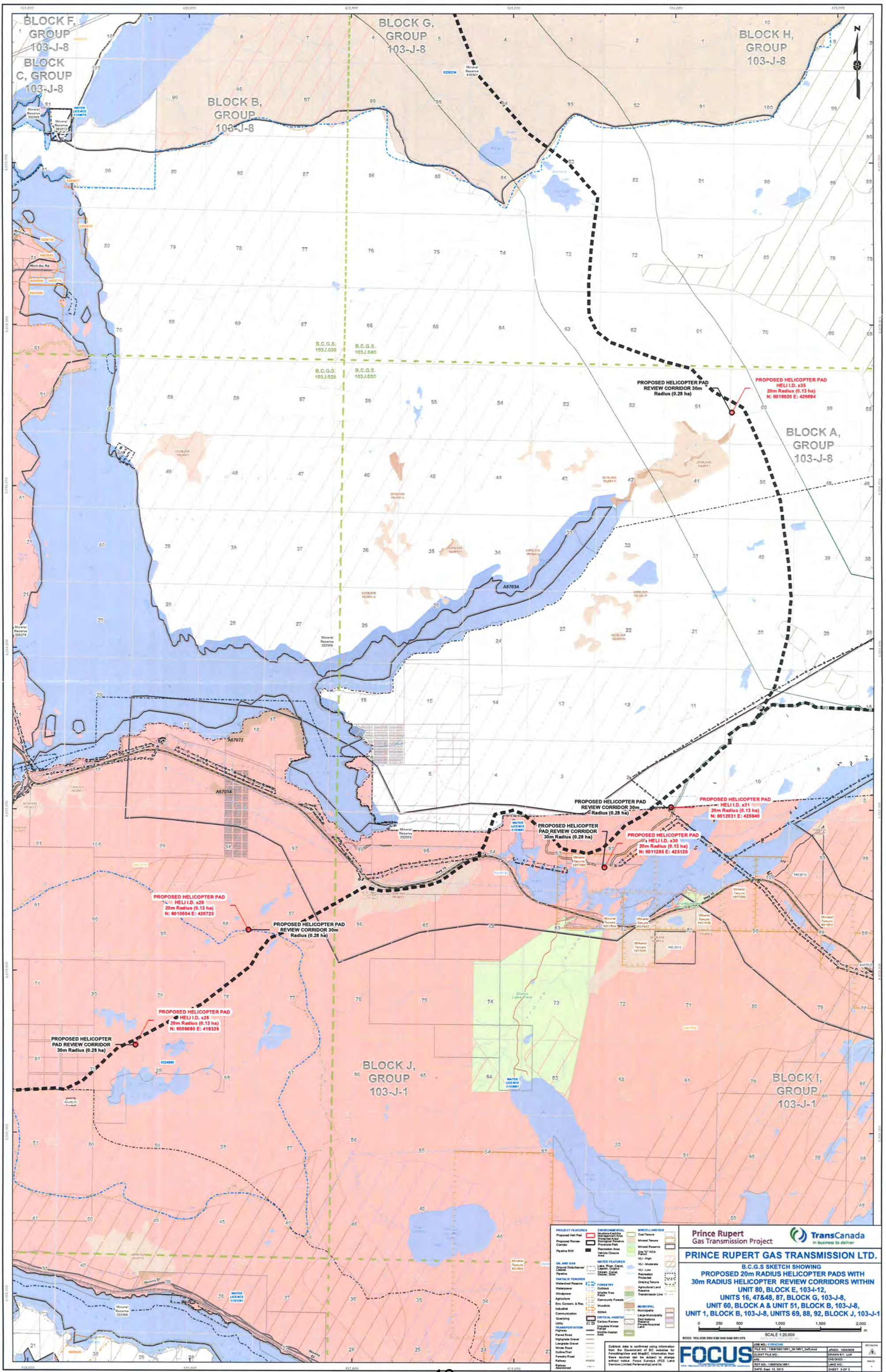
PRGT is contacting you to inform you of its plans for the helipads and to invite any comments or questions that you may have with respect to our program. PRGT can be contacted at [address below or enclosed card?]

PRGT must apply to the British Columbia Oil and Gas Commission (BCOGC) for a permit to clear trees from any Crown Land area for use as a helipad. The BCOGC asks proponents to consult with First Nations and other interested parties that might have an interest in proposed changes in a particular Crown Land use. The BCOGC also conducts its own consultation work as part of every application assessment.

**Schedule** – It is anticipated that the helipad clearing program will start in late October 2013 and continue for approximately 75 days. The work may break for the winter in areas where snow cover or weather makes the work too difficult to complete. Each site will take anywhere from 1 to 3 days to clear.

**Equipment** – PRGT will bring in standard tree falling equipment required for clearing at each site, including chain saws, personal protective equipment and basic firefighting equipment. No clearing crew will be able to drive to any of the sites so no trucks or all terrain vehicles will be used for this project other than to bring crews from their home bases to existing staging areas where a helicopter can pick them up and drop them off for the work.

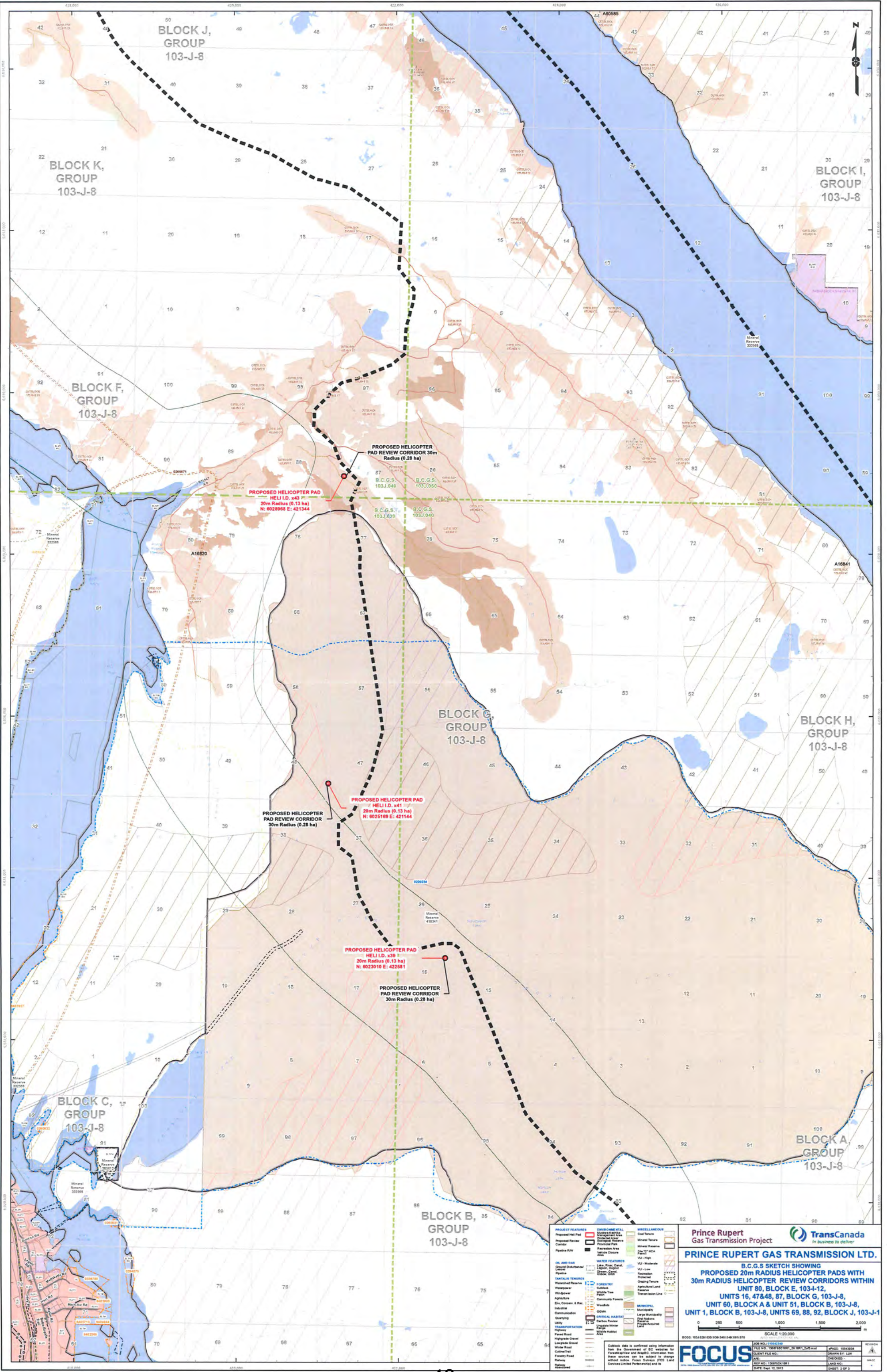




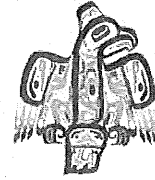
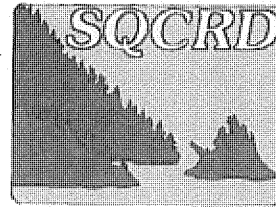
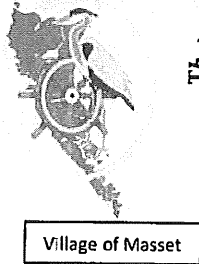












September 4, 2013

To: Minister Bill Bennett

Re: BCHydro and LED Streetlight concerns for Haida Gwaii

Please be advised that Haida Gwaii received grant funding from the Gas Tax Fund to upgrade the Streetlights in Masset, Port Clements, Skidegate and Queen Charlotte to LED lighting in the amount of \$627,250.00. This project has a deadline of October 31, 2014. Haida Gwaii north obtains its electricity exclusively via diesel generation and Haida Gwaii south is a split between hydro and diesel generation. Reducing our energy consumption by switching streetlights to LED fixtures is an extremely positive step towards both reducing our Municipal carbon footprints and BCHydro's carbon footprint, because we are not part of the provincial grid their carbon footprint is larger on Haida Gwaii then elsewhere in BC. It is also financially advantageous to BCHydro, because of the cost to BCHydro to produce electricity on Haida Gwaii, that they support activities here that save energy. I believe it is actually BCHydro's mandate to support ways to save energy.

There are two problems which are preventing this valuable project moving forward.

1. BCHydro does not have a rate in place for 1701 (Hydro owned) Streetlights which are LED
2. BCHydro does not have a process in place whereby they can accept the fixtures from us.

Manufacturers give kilowatt consumption specifications with their fixtures. The current rate for 1701 Streetlights is based on an assumed consumption rate with daylight hours factored in. Is it really that difficult to create a new rate for LED lights? Even if Hydro erred on the side of caution for a year or two, while more data becomes available, it should still be possible to make a fairly accurate estimate based on information currently available.

We have funding in place to cover both the purchase and the installation of the LED Streetlight fixtures. We are committed to working with Hydro to ensure that we purchase the LED Streetlights which meet all their technical requirements. This is a win/win situation; we can't see a downside to either party. We are not asking for funding of any form from BCHydro, just for their approval to allow us to buy them new LED Streetlights.

This initiative is a wonderful example of communities coming together for the benefit of the environment. It would be disastrous to have it be defeated by bureaucratic delays. We realize that in the scheme of things, even with the communities of Haida Gwaii coming together, we are still an insignificant number when compared to BCHydro's key accounts. However, this initiative still represents a real effort by communities to try and become Carbon Neutral, a status that the BC Government has mandated us to get to, and every little bit helps.

We hope that you will see the benefits of making this project a reality in a timely manner. If you require additional clarification please contact Kim Mushynsky, CAO, Village of Port Clements at 250-557-4295 or [cao@portclements.ca](mailto:cao@portclements.ca) as she is the lead on the funding application.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely:

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Village of Masset

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Village of Port Clements

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Village of Queen Charlotte



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Skidegate Band Council

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Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District

CC: BC Hydro – Dave Mosure  
BC Hydro – Rick Truong




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## NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release  
2013CSCD0063-001453  
Sept. 23, 2013

Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

### **Sandspit grant helps plan water supply**

VICTORIA – The Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District is receiving a \$10,000 planning grant to look into improving Sandspit's water treatment system, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development Coralee Oakes announced today.

Premier Clark and Oakes met with representatives from the community last week at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities convention. Part of that discussion focused on concerns over the community's water system. The grant will fund a study to assess the feasibility and long-term costs of a water filtration system designed to address the naturally occurring organic material in the water source.

The ministry's Infrastructure Planning Grant Program offers grants to support local government in projects related to the development of sustainable community infrastructure.

Sandspit's water system, owned and operated by the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District, has almost 200 connections and serves approximately 390 residents.

#### **Quote:**

#### **Coralee Oakes, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development —**

"We met with Sandspit's regional directors and others this week and heard their concerns, and that's why we're providing them with this grant to help figure out a long-term solution. Even though the water system is regularly monitored for its quality, there are some concerns that are common to small water systems. I want people living in Sandspit to know their situation is on our radar and we're keen to help them out."

#### **Learn More:**

Check out the B.C. government's role in supporting communities through the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development at: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/cscd>

Contact: Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development  
250 387-0104

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## NEWS RELEASE

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Sept. 20, 2013

Office of the Premier  
Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development  
Ministry of Natural Gas Development

### **Infrastructure planning grants available for Northwest LNG communities**

VANCOUVER – Grants totalling \$150,000 will help local governments in the northwest, poised to benefit from LNG development, perform needs assessments, B.C. Premier Christy Clark announced today at the Union of BC Municipalities convention in Vancouver.

Under the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development's Infrastructure Planning Program, the City of Prince Rupert, District of Kitimat, City of Terrace, District of Port Edward, Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine and the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District will have access to these targeted funds to study the impacts that LNG developments have on community water and sewer systems, roads, health, safety and social systems.

The ministry will have discussions with these eligible communities over the coming months to finalize grants that can be used for a range of activities related to assessing the technical, environmental and/or economic feasibility of municipal infrastructure projects necessary to support LNG development.

Premier Christy Clark also announced a new LNG – Buy BC program. Government will connect LNG proponents with B.C. businesses large and small to supply their needs. This voluntary program will ensure British Columbia businesses in communities across the province enjoy profits from the economic growth from the LNG sector.

LNG export potential in B.C. is unprecedented in scale. It's expected to generate more than 100,000 jobs over 30 years, and billions of dollars in new investment to create a Prosperity Fund, enshrined and protected by law to pay off our debt, plus new revenues for government to help future generations of British Columbians.

#### **Quotes:**

#### **Premier Christy Clark –**

"Communities in the northwest will see an influx of jobs – and people – as a result of LNG development. It's our job to help them manage that growth and assess what their communities need in terms of housing, municipal services like water and sewer and provincial services in health, education and justice. These grants will be the first step in that process."



**Coralee Oakes, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development –**

“LNG development provides an unprecedented economic opportunity for the communities of northwest British Columbia. During UBCM I’ve heard first-hand from communities that are keen to capture the benefits but are also realistic about the challenges of growth. These grants will provide them with some tools around planning so that they are ready for the sheer numbers of workers and families expected and can build communities that will handle everyone’s needs well into the future.”

**Natural Gas Development and Minister Responsible for Housing Rich Coleman –**

“The Province is committed to working with local communities to ensure LNG development is sustainable and creating benefits for British Columbians. These grants will help local governments prepare for the opportunities ahead.”

**Learn More:**

Check out the B.C. government’s role in supporting communities across the province through the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development at: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/cscd>





For an update on B.C.’s LNG strategy, visit:

[http://www.gov.bc.ca/com/attachments/LNGreport\\_update2013\\_web130207.pdf](http://www.gov.bc.ca/com/attachments/LNGreport_update2013_web130207.pdf)

Contact: Sam Oliphant  
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250 952-7252

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250 387-4089

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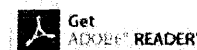
## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY BUILDING

APPLICATION

Adobe Reader 8.0+ is required to complete this application form.

If you are using an earlier version, you will not be able to save any information you enter into the form.

Adobe Reader is a free download available at: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>



## 1. Applicant Profile

Community name (municipality or regional district): MIEDS for SQCRD Ares D & E	
Address (street, city, postal code): Box 652 Queen Carlotte, BC V0T 1S0	
Telephone: 250-559-8050	Fax:
Email: edo@mieds.ca	Website (URL): www.mieds.ca

## 2. Primary Contact Information

Primary contact (for this application): Heather Adel	Position/title: Economic Development Officer
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Complete the following only if different from the above community contact information:

Address (street, city, postal code):	Email:
Telephone:	Fax:



## 3. Economic Development Priorities

Briefly describe the economic development goals you will be focused on this year:  
As per MIEDS 3 Year Economic Development Strategy the following three goals will be focused on:

1. To increase collaboration and communication within industry and between governments
2. To increase employment and employability of islanders
3. To decrease barriers to development.

Outline the activities that will be undertaken to achieve these goals:

Haida Gwaii Business to Business Website - Grow the database of skilled workers on Haida Gwaii. Increase membership on the site and look to identify larger jobs where MIEDS can match employers and employees

Release second Forestry License to Cut - Put a substantial portion of remaining FLTC volume to a Category 2 sale in efforts to get islander working and support secondary manufacturing

Community Forest - MIEDS continues to work on behalf of member communities to establish a CFA that is beneficial to the communities

Grow Destination awareness - Partnering with Northern BC Tourism enhancing destination awareness using social media and joint marketing.

Port of Haida Gwaii - Support VPC in establishing and island owned container port

## 4. Economic Development Collaboration

*Applicants may collaborate with another municipality, regional district, First Nations band, tourism or industry association on economic development projects and initiatives. Please outline any specific projects or initiatives that will be undertaken this year.*

Partner(s):	Concise description of collaborative project or initiative:	Amount (\$):
Village of Queen Charlotte	Advancing the development of an operationalized community forest	\$ 5000
Village of Masset	Advancing the development of an operationalized community forest	\$ 5000
SQCRD Areas D & E	Advancing the development of an operationalized community forest	\$ 2500
Village of Port Clements	Advancing the development of an operationalized community	\$ 5000
		\$
		\$
COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS SUB-TOTAL:		\$ 0



## 5. Economic Development Budget

Please outline all anticipated expenses in the municipality's or regional district's annual economic development budget. For the purposes of calculating the incremental economic development funding request, **please do not include collaborative projects that you have identified in Section 4.**

Economic development activity description:	Budget/proposed amount for each economic development activity:
<b>Economic development salary</b> (if applicable)	
Job title(s): Economic Development Officer	\$ 75000
Administrative Assistant/Social Media Manager	\$ 40000
Travel	\$ 5000
MIEDS Office Administration	\$ 2500
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	<b>TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGET *</b>

**\* Required attachment: municipal or regional district economic development budget for the year of this application.**

Please refer to the Economic Development Capacity Building application guide for eligible and ineligible costs.

### 6. Attachments

Please list all documents attached to this application:

Document name:
1) Required: <b>municipal or regional district economic development budget for the year of this application</b>
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3)
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### 7. Total Funding Request

35000

A maximum annual grant of \$35,000 is available under the Economic Development Capacity Building program per municipality or regional district. Based on the information provided within this application, the breakdown of the funding request is as follows:

	Amount (\$):
Collaborative funding:	\$ 0
Economic development funding:	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL FUNDING REQUEST:</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>



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**8. Authorization and Agreement to Reporting Requirements**

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I AFFIRM THAT the information in this application is accurate and complete, and that the project proposal, including plans and budgets, is fairly presented. I agree that once funding is approved, any change to the project proposal will require prior approval of Northern Development Initiative Trust (Northern Development).

I also agree to submit reporting materials as required by Northern Development, and where required, financial accounting for evaluation of the activity funded by Northern Development. I understand that the information provided in this application may be accessible under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act.

I agree to publicly acknowledge funding and assistance by Northern Development.

I authorize Northern Development to make any enquiries of such persons, firms, corporations, federal and provincial government agencies/departments and non-profit organizations operating in my organization's field of activities, to collect and share information with them, as Northern Development deems necessary, in order to reach a decision on this application, to administer and monitor the implementation of the project and to evaluate their results after project completion.

I agree that information provided in this application form may be shared with the appropriate regional advisory committee(s), board of directors, and consultants.

If approved for economic development capacity building funding, our organization agrees to:

1. Provide reporting on the impacts of economic development activities for the year of this application.
2. Provide financial reporting using Northern Development's reporting form, including a project/economic development ledger demonstrating costs were incurred with invoice copies for amounts over \$5,000.

Name:

*Organization signing authority*

Title:

Date:

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**9. Submitting Your Application**

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Completed funding application forms should be provided electronically to Northern Development by email.

Email [info@northernddevelopment.bc.ca](mailto:info@northernddevelopment.bc.ca)

## Report NDIT 2013

MIEDS on behalf of SQCRD Areas D and E

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Heather Adel

Economic Development Officer

Economic Development Spending Budget – \$122,500 Actual \$122,500

**Briefly describe the additional economic development activities that the Economic Development Capacity Building grant allowed your community to pursue in 2013:**

Port of Haida Gwaii – the Port of Haida Gwaii is a project that made great strides in 2013 and will continue to be a focus for 2014. Post UBCM the Village of Port Clements and MIEDS worked to obtain funding to assist in the development of a comprehensive business plan. That was achieved and a meeting was scheduled with ADM's and Executive staffers to present the business case and to determine next steps. Village of Port Clements continues to investigate options, which would see this port become a reality. MIEDS supports the Village of Port Clements in its efforts.

Provide a unified voice for islanders – MIEDS did submit a formal response to the BC Ferries call for feedback. The paper did provide three options for BC Ferries to consider, which could have resulted in the ability to lower fares. MIEDS continues to provide consistent messaging in its destination marketing campaigns. Lastly MIEDS participated on the Regional Workforce Round table bringing the island issues to the forefront.

Forestry License to Cut – MIEDS and BCTS spent quite a bit of time working to develop a new business contract which would be more advantageous to the communities.

Social Media Presence – MIEDS social media efforts have demonstrated a significant increase in online visitor traffic as follows: Facebook followers have increased over 600% since January 2013. Twitter followers increased almost 40% since January 2013. Haida Gwaii Blog increased in views approximately 80% since January 2013.



**Please comment on the positive benefits that Northern Development EDCB program has created in your community.**

The EDCB program allows the islands to have an Economic Development Officer and an administration person, which provided support to the communities collectively as well as individually.

**Briefly describe the collaborative project you and your partners pursued:**

The operationalization of the Community Forest Agreement was the project that all communities worked collaboratively on. We worked with our forestry consultants to create a project initiation document, which could have led to a business model. Unfortunately BCTS and the Province were not able to come through with the funding; however, it is back on the agenda for 2014.

MIEDS was able to obtain the services of a law firm and accounting firm to start the development of a legal structure to operationalize the community forest.