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PREFACE

**MACKENZIE GAS PROJECT
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P.1.1 PROJECT COMPONENTS

The proposed Mackenzie Gas Project includes:

- developing three natural gas fields in the Mackenzie Delta, commonly referred to as the anchor fields
- constructing and operating the Mackenzie gathering system, commonly referred to as the gathering system, consisting of:
 - gathering pipelines and associated facilities from the anchor fields to a natural gas liquids (NGL) separation facility near Inuvik
 - the Inuvik area facility, where natural gas and associated natural gas liquids (NGLs) will be separated and processed
 - an NGL pipeline and associated facilities from Inuvik to Norman Wells
- constructing and operating the Mackenzie Valley pipeline, commonly referred to as the gas pipeline, and associated facilities from the Inuvik area facility through the Mackenzie Valley to connect with the NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL) Northwest Mainline (Dickins Lake Section) south of the Northwest Territories–Alberta boundary

P.1.2 PROJECT PROPONENTS

The Mackenzie Gas Project proponents are:

- Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited
- Mackenzie Valley Aboriginal Pipeline Limited Partnership (APG)
- ConocoPhillips Canada (North) Limited (ConocoPhillips)
- ExxonMobil Canada Properties (ExxonMobil)
- Shell Canada Limited (Shell)

P.1.3 CONSULTATION PROGRAM

The project proponents recognized that early public consultation was an integral part of the assessment process. The primary goals of the consultation program were to:

- provide timely information and solicit comments from affected members of the public about proposed development and activities that might affect their

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communities, including the potential environmental and socio-economic effects, by increasing public awareness of the project

- respond to public input and concerns, and take them into account during project planning, design and implementation
- encourage the participation of Aboriginal and other northern residents, as well as other Canadians, in the employment and business opportunities created by the project
- identify, and take measures to reduce or mitigate, any negative effects that the project might have on the biophysical or socio-economic environment

Most of the consultation activities for the gathering system and the gas pipeline are being conducted jointly by representatives of all of the proponents. In addition, a separate consultation program for each anchor field is being carried out by the operator of each field. These programs are documented by each anchor field operator as part of its development plan application.

P.1.4 COMMUNICATION BY PROJECT PHASE

During the course of the consultation process, the proponents have sought opportunities to explain the purpose and needs of the project. In return, they want to understand local concerns and, where possible, use this information effectively in project planning.

The project proponents consulted with people and organizations in the communities that might be affected by the project development, as well as with government agencies, regulatory authorities, potential shippers and suppliers, labour groups, industry representatives and others. They organized and made presentations to communities and organizations throughout the project area in the Northwest Territories and elsewhere in Canada to support engineering work, pipeline route and facility siting, the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), discussions on land access and benefits plans, and commercial negotiations.

P.1.5 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The information and feedback gathered from the affected communities and organizations during the course of the consultation program identified a number of areas of concern. Some of the concerns were expressed by more than one group. Other concerns were more localized and affected only one group or area.

In many cases, the common and localized concerns raised were dealt with by the proponents. In a few cases, additional study and consultation will be required to develop satisfactory solutions.

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