Proposed Amendment to the Environmental Assessment Certificate for the Woodfibre LNG Project

Invitation to Comment

The Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) invites the public to comment on an application for an amendment to the Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) granted to Woodfibre LNG Limited (Certificate Holder) on October 26, 2015, for the construction and operation of the Woodfibre LNG Project (Project).

The Project is located approximately 7 km west-southwest of Squamish, British Columbia, involves construction and operation of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facility on the previous Woodfibre Pulp and Paper Mill site, which would have a storage capacity of 250,000 m³ and would produce up to 2.1 million tonnes per year of LNG.

The Certificate Holder is proposing the following design changes:

- Changing from seawater cooling to air cooling of the plant;
- Upgrading an existing intake on Mill Creek rather than constructing a new intake; and,
- Short-term use of water from Woodfibre Creek during construction.

The proposed changes would require an amendment to the EAC under British Columbia's *Environmental Assessment Act*. The purpose of the amendment is to enable the Project to proceed with these proposed changes.

There are 30 days for the submission of comments by the public in relation to the EAC Amendment Application, from *February 9, 2017,* until *March 11, 2017.* During this period, the public is invited to submit concerns regarding *new* or *additional* potential effects that might result from the proposed amendment.

The intention of seeking public comments is to ensure that all potential effects – environmental, economic, social, heritage and health – that might result from the proposed amendment are identified for consideration as part of the assessment process. All comments within the scope of the application for amendment will be considered as part of EAO's review.

The Decision Statement under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, 2012, issued by the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change on March 17, 2016, contains conditions regarding Woodfibre LNG Limited's obligations in regard to Project changes. The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency will consider comments received by EAO regarding potential adverse environmental effects from the proposed project changes and the proposed mitigation measures.

Decision Statement:

http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/documenteng.cfm?document=109540

EAO accepts public comments through the following ways:

- By Online Form at http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca/pcp/index.html
- <u>By Mail:</u> Michael Shepard Project Assessment Manager Environmental Assessment Office PO Box 9426 Stn Prov Govt Victoria BC V8W 9V1
 By Fax:
- Fax: 250-387-0230

An electronic copy of the Certificate Holder's EAC Amendment Application is available at:

EAO website:

http://a100.gov.bc.ca/appsdata/epic/html/deploy/epic_project home 408.html

Certificate Holder website: http://www.woodfibrelng.ca/

NOTE: All submissions received by EAO during the comment period in relation to the proposed Project are considered public and will be posted to the EAO website.

