In the matter of the

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT
S.B.C. 2002, c. 43
(the Act)

and

in the matter of an
Application
for an
Environmental Assessment Certificate
(Application)

by

Trans Mountain Pipeline ULC (Proponent)

for the

Trans Mountain Expansion Project

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT Certificate E17-01

Whereas:

A. The Proponent proposes to expand the existing Trans Mountain pipeline system for the transport of oil between Edmonton, Alberta and Burnaby, British Columbia as described in Schedule A to this Certificate (the "Project");

B. On April 8, 2016, a Project Lead of the Environmental Assessment Office issued an order under section 10(1)(c) of the Act stating that an Environmental Assessment Certificate was required for the Project and that the Proponent could not proceed with the Project in the absence of an assessment;

C. While in 2010 the Environmental Assessment Office and the National Energy Board entered into an equivalency agreement under section 27 of the Act, which applies to the Project, the British Columbia Supreme Court in *Coastal First Nations v. British Columbia (Minister of Environment)* 34 BCSC 2016 determined that a decision pursuant to section 17 of the Act is required for the projects subject to this equivalency agreement;

D. The Proponent submitted its application to the National Energy Board on December 16, 2013;

E. The National Energy Board completed an assessment of the Project, including Aboriginal and public consultations, and released its recommendations report on May 19, 2016;

F. The Environmental Assessment Office undertook consultation with Aboriginal groups, including consultation conducted jointly with the federal government, and documented the joint consultation in a report dated November 2016, entitled *Joint Federal/Provincial Consultation and Accommodation Report for the Trans Mountain Expansion Report*;

G. On December 8, 2016, pursuant to Section 17 of the Act, the Executive Director referred the National Energy Board's recommendation report dated May 19, 2016, the *Joint Federal/Provincial Consultation and Accommodation Report for the Trans Mountain Expansion Project*, the Environmental Assessment Office's Summary Assessment Report dated December 8, 2016, and his recommendations to the undersigned dated December 8, 2016;

H. The undersigned have considered the National Energy Board's recommendation report, the *Joint Federal/Provincial Consultation and Accommodation Report for the Trans Mountain Expansion Project*, the Summary Assessment Report, submissions from Aboriginal groups, draft proposed Environmental Assessment Certificate Conditions, supplemental information submitted by the Proponent, and the recommendations of the Executive Director; and

I. Compliance with this Certificate, including its conditions, will be monitored by the staff of the Environmental Assessment Office, partner agencies and others who have been authorized to inspect under the Act.

Now Therefore,

We issue this Environmental Assessment Certificate to the Proponent for the Project as described in the Certified Project Description (Schedule A), subject to the conditions set out in the Table of Conditions (Schedule B).

Duration of Certificate

For the purpose of Section 18(1) of the Act, the deadline is five years from the date set out below.



Honourable Mary Polak
Minister of Environment



Honourable Rich Coleman
Minister of Natural Gas Development

Issued this 10 day of January, 2017