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**Re: Ksi Lisims LNG Project (the "Project")**

We write on behalf of Gitga'at First Nation ("Gitga'at") with respect to the Project, which is being advanced by the Nisga'a Nation, Rockies LNG Limited Partnership, and Western LNG LLC.

Over the past 2 years Gitga'at has dedicated significant capacity and resources to engage with the BC Environmental Assessment Office ("EAO"), the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada ("IAAC") and Ksi Lisims representatives in relation to the environmental assessment of the Project. The outcome of this effort is that Gitga'at consents to the EAO issuing the environmental assessment certificate pursuant to sections 28 and 29 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* (2018).

However, we also wish to note for the record that throughout the assessment Gitga'at has raised significant concerns to the EAO and IAAC regarding adverse effects that the Project will have on the health and well-being of the Gitga'at people. Although the EAO and IAAC have proposed conditions that have potential to address potential impacts directly associated with the Project, at least so far neither BC nor Canada have engaged meaningfully and directly with Gitga'at in relation to the adverse cumulative effects that Gitga'at will experience.

The conditions and measures proposed by the EAO and IAAC continue to fall well short with respect to the increased strain the Project will place on a regional healthcare and emergency services system that are already not coping with existing needs. Gitga'at's correspondence to EAO and IAAC has highlighted that this is a serious and ongoing concern that BC and Canada must address to ensure the wellness, safety and security of our people

Housing also remains a serious issue for Gitga'at members in the Prince Rupert area, with 67% of Gitga'at households reporting in 2023 that it was challenging to find safe and secure housing. Another influx of Project workers and families will increase housing costs in the region. Addressing the housing needs of Gitga'at members is essential in light of the increased pressures caused by ongoing development of major resource export projects in the region.

The impacts of increased shipping traffic from this Project on Gitga'at's Aboriginal rights may also be significant and far-reaching. The increase in marine shipping associated with the Project will further reduce Gitga'at access to traditional use and occupancy sites due to safety risks and diminish the frequency and quality of traditional harvesting activities along shipping routes. Measures proposed by Canada to address these issues are currently still in early stages of development and are unproven and untested in terms of their effectiveness.

By letter dated February 20, 2025, the Province committed to engaging with Gitga'at respecting Gitga'at's concerns regarding these outstanding issues. To date, they remain unresolved.

For the above reasons, Gitga'at expressly reserves the right to continue to be consulted and otherwise participate in any regulatory or administrative processes in connection with permits, approvals or other authorizations for the Project, including raising issues or concerns for the purpose of identifying and eliminating, managing or mitigating the impacts the Project may or will have on Gitga'at people.

Gitga'at acknowledges and the EAO's position that addressing the above historic cumulative impacts on Gitga'at rights is not the responsibility of the Proponents of this Project. However, doing so is most certainly the responsibility of the Provincial and Federal Crown. Gitga'at therefore requests a meeting with the Ministers prior to a decision regarding this Project.

Sincerely,



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