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INFORMATION LETTER #OGC 08-23

Subject: Release of Revised Planning and Construction Guide

To: Industry Clients

Effective Date: January 5, 2009

Background:

Regarding the OGAA Implementation:

All necessary regulations, documents and background information on OGAA can be found at www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/OGAA/

For any questions pertaining to the status of this document, please contact the Commission representative listed at the bottom.

The Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) revised and updated the Planning and Construction Guide (Guide). The Guide is a supplement to the Wells and Test Hole Manual, the Pipeline and Facilities Manual and the Road Application Guide.

The revised Guide provides typical maximum disturbance allowances for the development of:

- wellsites;
- access routes;
- pipeline rights-of-way; and,
- associated project requirements such as remote sumps, decking sites, campsites and borrow pits.

The objective of the Guide is:

- to encourage industry to reduce their environmental footprint and to consider land use and water management techniques;
- to specify acceptable parameters for typical oil and gas activities; and,
- to help identify routine and non-routine application criteria.

Applications conforming to the Guide and meeting other requirements as identified in their respective manuals will be screened as routine through the Commission's application process.

Requirement:

Applications not conforming to criteria outlined in the Guide will be screened as non-routine. An explanation for each instance where the project or associated activities do not meet criteria is required. This system assists in reducing application review time.

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The updated Planning and Construction Guide is located on the Commission website under General Pre-Application Information at:

<http://www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/documents/guidelines/Planning%20and%20Construction%20Guide.pdf>

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