



## Cover Letter for McLeod Lake Indian Band (referral) Packages

**TO:** Industry Clients

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 30, 2010

### BACKGROUND:

In March 2008, an Oil and Gas Consultation Agreement (OGCA) was signed between McLeod Lake Indian Band (MLIB), the BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) and the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (MEMPR). In July 2009, that agreement was amended to include Application Criteria, including Complex Application Criteria. Since then, the Commission has worked with MLIB on the implementation of the agreement, and is now implementing the Application Criteria as per the agreement, which can be viewed at:

<http://www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/documents/firstnations/mou/MLIB%20Agreement.pdf>

Proponents must now categorize MLIB applications as “notification”, “standard” or “complex”; each triggering different review and response timelines for First Nations. The cover letter includes a worksheet to assist in documenting criteria and rationale for categorizing applications.

The MLIB cover letter and worksheet is now combined with the Blueberry River First Nations cover letter and worksheet. This harmonizes the process for industry with other signed consultation agreements. Consultation processes with other First Nations have not changed.

### REQUIREMENT:

All application submissions impacted by the MLIB OGCA, including new applications, revisions, and amendments, must include a completed “Blueberry LTOGA and McLeod Lake Indian Band OGCA cover letter for First Nations (referral) packages”.

The cover letter can be found on the Commission website at:

<http://www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/firstnations/forms.aspx>

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