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BC Chamber welcomes pipeline framework, urges momentum on projects

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Vancouver, November 5, 2013 – The BC Chamber of Commerce congratulates the governments of B.C. and Alberta for their just-announced framework agreement on energy movement and opening new markets, that will support pipeline projects in B.C.

“This pivotal agreement creates a foundation for economic growth in the resource-based economies of B.C. and Alberta,” said John Winter, president and CEO of the BC Chamber. “The BC Chamber congratulates Premiers Clark and Redford for their hard work in achieving an agreement that meets both provinces’ needs.”

The framework agrees to Premier Clark’s five conditions for heavy-oil pipelines, while B.C.’s government has agreed to endorse Premier Redford’s Canadian Energy Strategy.

“The BC Chamber is pleased that Premier Clark achieved this framework that commits to a ‘fair share’ of economic benefits for B.C.,” Winter said. “With tight budgets everywhere, this framework sets a foundation for new resource revenues for B.C. that can fund healthcare, education and social programs for all British Columbians.”

Winter added that he hopes this framework will create new momentum for proposed pipeline projects such as Enbridge’s Northern Gateway and Kinder Morgan’s Trans Mountain expansion.

“These pipeline projects are just so valuable for B.C.,” Winter said. “We hope this framework will spur these significant, job-creating projects towards success.”

The BC Chamber is the largest and most broadly-based business organization in the province. Representing more than 125 Chambers of Commerce and 36,000 businesses of every size, sector and region of the province, the BC Chamber of Commerce is “The Voice of Business in BC.”



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