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BC Chamber back environmental assessment approval for LNG Canada Export Terminal

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Vancouver, June 18, 2015 – The BC Chamber of Commerce applauds the B.C. government’s announcement to issue LNG Canada an Environmental Assessment Certificate for its export terminal project located in the District of Kitimat.

“The B.C. government’s announcement to grant environmental assessment approval is another monumental step towards establishing an LNG export industry in B.C.,” said John Winter, president and CEO of the BC Chamber. “Within a matter of days, we have seen a shift from the dream of a brand new industry taking hold in B.C. to concrete decisions that will make the LNG export industry a certainty in our province, and that is truly exciting to see.”

Winter noted that while the B.C. government’s decision on an Environmental Assessment Certificate for LNG Canada has 24 conditions attached, the government’s announcement is a clear indication that the regulatory process to approve these LNG projects is working. The Premier and the provincial government should be commended for their commitment to building the right conditions that is allowing multiple LNG companies to get off the ground here in B.C. and start providing an on-going economic benefit for B.C. businesses and residents alike.

“While LNG Canada still have a number of markers to reach that will put them in a position to announce a Final Investment Decision, there is no doubt this Environment Assessment Certificate is a major hurdle to overcome that makes these hugely beneficial project a little more likely,” Winter said. “B.C. businesses appreciate seeing the B.C. government making that right call that looks to balance economic development with environment responsibility, so that our province can take full advantage of this sizeable private sector investment that will benefit all parts of the province.”

The B.C. government’s decision is part of a substituted environment assessment that harmonizes the environmental assessment with the federal government in an effort to reduce inefficiencies found in a duplicative process between the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office and Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency. This “one project, one assessment” approach has long been advocated for by the BC Chamber network.



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