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## NEWS RELEASE

### BC CHAMBER ENDORSES PROVINCE'S NEW LNG STRATEGY

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**Vancouver, September 19, 2011** – The British Columbia Chamber of Commerce strongly supports Premier Christy Clark's announcement that the provincial government will take major steps to create a prosperous liquefied natural gas (LNG) industry, including making the Kitimat LNG plant operational by 2015.

"The Chamber is a strong advocate of developing our sustainable energy resources, whether for domestic use or for export. It is great to see such intense activity in a region of the province already accustomed to contributing to BC's economic growth," said BC Chamber of Commerce President & CEO John Winter. "This is a great example of forward thinking and the Chamber is very supportive of the stakeholder collaboration which took place," added Winter.

The BC Chamber is also supportive of the Premier's newly announced strategy to attract investment by working with industry stakeholders and First Nations to remove barriers and establish as many as three LNG plants in the province by 2020.

On November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> the BC Chamber of Commerce is hosting the BC Energy Summit at the Vancouver Fairmont Waterfront Hotel. "BC's Sustainable Energy Future" is the theme of the conference which will prominently feature the Kitimat LNG project.

"This Kitimat announcement, coupled with the exciting plans for expansion of Ridley Island in Prince Rupert, is strong evidence that the province is committed to its 'Canada Starts Here' strategy," added Winter.

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