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**SUBJECT: Three-year time limit to submit required information and studies under the IAA**

Tony Le Verger:

The Agency is writing to remind you of the three-year legislated time limit for Gazoduq Inc. to provide the required information or studies for the impact assessment of the Gazoduq Project (the Project).

Under subsection 19(1) of the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA), the proponent of a designated project must provide the Agency with the information or studies required by the Agency within three years of the posting of the copy of the notice of the commencement of the impact assessment on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet Site (the Registry).

On July 17, 2020, the Agency posted on the Registry the notice of commencement for the impact assessment of the Project and issued the final Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines for the Project. Gazoduq Inc. must provide the Agency with the required information or studies, as described in the final Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines, by **July 17, 2023**.

The required information or studies to be provided include the Impact Statement (IS) and any additional required information or studies that may be identified as a result of:

- the Agency and the Canada Energy Regulator's verification review of the IS;
- the public comment period on the IS;
- the technical review of the IS by the Agency, the Canada Energy Regulator, and federal authorities; and
- associated consultation and engagement by the Agency with Indigenous communities.

In accordance with subsection 19(2) of the IAA, the Agency may, at the proponent's request, grant an extension to the three-year legislated time limit by any period



necessary for the proponent to provide the required information or studies. In order for an extension to be considered and granted by the Agency, the proponent must demonstrate that they have made progress on the development of the IS and that they have a work plan to complete it.

Should you wish to request an extension to the legislated time limit, please provide the following information as soon as possible to support the Agency's review of your request:

- the reasons, directly related to the impact assessment process, for requesting an extension of the time limit (e.g., baseline studies that could require multiple field seasons to complete);
- any changes to the environment at the project location, or to the project itself, that have occurred and may affect the impact assessment;
- a list of all engagement activities, linked to the development of required information and studies, undertaken with Indigenous groups and the public;
- any documentation demonstrating the advancement of the impact assessment that began in 2020;
- a work plan detailing the progress made to date and how the additional time requested would be utilized to provide all the required information and studies, including:
  - any required information and studies resulting from the public comment period on the IS; and
  - the technical review by the Agency and the Canada Energy Regulator, federal authorities, and consultation and engagement by the Agency with Indigenous communities;
- information on extenuating circumstances outside the care and control of the proponent that have affected your ability to submit the required information (e.g., pandemic or other natural disaster preventing public and Indigenous engagement or information gathering); and
- any additional information that you believe is relevant.

The Agency will post on the Registry all documents submitted in support of the extension request, and the Agency's response.

Finally, the Agency may require additional information or studies, in accordance with subsection 19(3) of the IAA, if it grants an extension to the three-year legislated time limit prescribed by the Act. The Agency will post any required additional information and studies required along with its notice indicating that an extension has been granted.

If you fail to provide the information or studies within the three-year time limit, or within any extension of that time limit, the impact assessment will be terminated in accordance with subsection 20(1) of the IAA.

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If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 613-282-8245 or email at Colette.Spagnuolo@iaac-aeic.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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