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Good afternoon Ms. Walls,

Can you please see the attached letter.

Cheers,

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Attention: Lisa Walls, Director

Dear Ms. Wells:

Re: Kitimat Clean Refinery Project – Request for Comments: Funding Required

Thank you for your email and letter dated July 13, 2016, requesting comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”) Guidelines for the Kitimat Clean Refinery Project (“Project”).

The proposed Kitimat Clean Refinery Project is obviously a project which raises significant concerns for the Haisla Nation. Unfortunately, we do not have the resources required to review the draft EIS statement at this time. We have requested funding from the proponent to support our review and understanding of the project, but to date we have not received any funding.

We understand that making sure that the EIS Guidelines are properly scoped is important to ensure an efficient and thorough environmental review, and we believe the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (“CEAA”) and the proponent would benefit from the Haisla Nation’s input on these EIS Guidelines.

Your letter advises that federal funding will be made available during later phases of the environmental assessment. This is not an acceptable approach. The Haisla Nation needs funding now, in order to be able to provide comments on the draft EIS Guidelines.

Further, the Haisla Nation needs assurance from Canada that it will be provided with an amount of funding that will allow our full participation in the environmental assessment of the Project. This funding must reflect the goal that all elements of the Project are in Haisla Nation Territory, slated for lands and waters to which we assert Aboriginal title and on which our members exercise Aboriginal rights.

The Haisla Nation invested vast resources in its participation in the federal assessment

of the Northern Gateway Pipeline Project. As a result, we incurred a significant deficit related to that project. We believe our input and our participation in the environmental assessment resulted in valuable information that added assessment of impacts on the matters delineated in section 5 of *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*. The funding provided by CEAA for our participation did not come anywhere near covering our participation costs. This cannot happen again.

It is not legitimate for government to expect First Nations to expend their own scarce resources on the review of guidance documents and environmental impact statements themselves for projects like the Kitimat Clean Refinery Project.

We therefore request that CEAA funding be made available so that the Haisla Nation may provide comments on the draft guidelines you have provided. We also request that the date for the Haisla Nation to provide such comments be extended beyond August 12, 2016 to a date at least 30 days after the provision of funding.

Yours truly,

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