

Enclosure 2 : Guiding Questions for this Comment Period

Please respond by December 9, 2020

Value Chain Solutions Heartland Complex Expansion Project

Canadian Impact Assessment Registry File No.: 81148

The Agency encourages you to use the "Submit a Comment" feature on the Agency's Registry website using reference number: 81148

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We request that you carefully review this form and that you refine your input as appropriate.

Potential Effects and Impacts

1. Please identify any effects of the Project that are of concern to your community. Also please identify any effects that you are aware of that are not listed in the initial project description. *Note: Information on effects and direct and incidental effects as well as effects within federal jurisdiction are defined in section 2 of IAA¹.*

Not noted was the indirect effect this project would have on the areas of bitumen extraction. With the increase in storage capacity as well as refining, it would be expected that other projects would also increase for oil sand extraction, since there is more capability of storage and refining within Alberta. Where is the increase in oil sand extraction activities anticipated to take place in order to keep the expanded facility at capacity? This lands being used for activities could have a direct effect on traditional land use activities.

2. Please describe how the potential effects of the Project could result in changes to your community's:

- (a) physical and cultural heritage (e.g. ceremonial sites, burial sites, cultural landscapes)

The increase in activity can discourage cultural practices as there is less safe space available to conduct. There as well needs to be extensive ground truth work done to verify many sacred sites (burial, pathways) as there is limited capacity as is to conduct.

- (b) current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes (e.g. hunting, fishing, trapping)

An increase in oil sands extraction activities in our traditional land use area will impact access and fragmentation, wildlife populations and habitat, air/soil/water quality. This in turn will reduce the traditional land use activities and discourage land users to be on the landscape. Many land users fear being on the land and interfering with operations unknowingly.

- (c) structures, sites or things of historical, archaeological, paleontological or architectural significance (e.g. artifacts, important historic buildings or symbols)

An increase in activity will mean more field verification and ground truthing will need to be done in timelier manner. Currently due to capacity constraints, majority of the field verification work is placed on the back burner, and applications are able to be approved before field work is verified.

3. Please describe how the Project may result in changes (both positive and negative) to your community's :

- (a) health, social or economic conditions (e.g. employment opportunities, easier access to goods and services, economic development, accessibility to health-care services);

¹ A link to IAA text can be found here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/corporate/acts-regulations/legislation-regulations.html>

(b) Economically, this will benefit the community as a whole. Access to markets and a refined product is better economically for all Albertans. There will be employment and educational opportunities, economic development opportunities as well as better quality of life due to these opportunities.

(c) Indigenous knowledge, indigenous language or indigenous culture.
This is threatened and can be lost if not preserved and recorded properly as well as reinvested in by the communities these projects impact. Many indigenous peoples can lose touch with their cultural practices and traditions due to the fact they are busy working and being productive members of their society.

4. Please describe how the Project may result in any change (positive or negative) to :

(a) the intersection of sex and gender with other identity factors (would there be effects to different sub-groups within your community, identified based on factors such as gender, age, race, religion etc.. For example, to women, youth, elders);

Expansion and increase of oil sands activities encourages members to participate and take part in the industrial growth but in turn can discourage them from cultural practices and traditions. An example is that many indigenous languages are not spoken outside of the community, the industrial growth, including this project, contributes to the threat of many losses of indigenous language and practices. Awareness and integration within both systems is key.

(b) sustainability, considering, for example, the interconnectedness and interdependence of human-ecological systems and the well-being of present and future generations.

Increased activities contributes to the loss of indigenous culture and practice.

5. If you expect the Project may impact your community's potential and/or established rights, please describe how.
Indirectly, via increased oil sands activities closer to our community which will the directly impact KMS.

Approach to Consultation and Engagement

6. If a federal impact assessment is required for the Project, the Agency will be developing a draft Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan and, if applicable, will contact you to seek your comments. Please provide information on how you would like to be consulted by the Agency (for example, does your community have specific cultural practices, traditions or protocols, etc.).

Consultation Coordinator, communicate via email and telephone

7. Please also provide your views on how you would like the proponent to engage your community during all phases of the Project.

Open communication and information sharing

8. If a federal impact assessment is required for the Project, the Agency will act as the Crown Consultation Coordinator and will be responsible for implementing the Duty to Consult. Do you have any views on how the Agency should work with your community in relation to the assessment of impacts on the potential and/or established rights of your community?

Work with the Consultation Coordinator, kikinoconsultation@mcsnet.ca, this employee works closely with Council Members and if required or requested meetings with council can be arranged.

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