

ATTACHMENT:
Federal Authority Advice Record
Response due by August 30, 2021.

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Ksi Lisims LNG - Natural Gas Liquefaction and Marine Terminal Project – Nisga'a Nation,
Rockies LNG Limited Partnership and Western LNG LLC

Agency File: 005806

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1. **Is it probable that your department or agency may be required to exercise a power or perform a duty or function related to the Project to enable it to proceed?**

Indigenous Services Canada is not responsible for approving or issuing licences, permits or authorizations for the assessments of large, proposed projects.

2. **Is your department or agency in possession of specialist or expert information or knowledge that may be relevant to the conduct of an impact assessment of the Project?**

Indigenous Services Canada has specialized knowledge pertaining to Indigenous peoples. Areas of expertise include but are not limited to; the provision of health services, community health and wellness programs, and drinking water on First Nations reserves and other social determinants of health.

Indigenous Services Canada also has information on and knowledge of Indigenous matters on Federal lands. Indigenous Services Canada has a mandate to support Indigenous people (First Nations, Inuit and Métis) in their efforts to improve social well-being and economic prosperity; to develop healthier, more sustainable communities; and to participate more fully in Canada's political, social and economic development.

3. **Has your department or agency considered the Project; exercised a power or performed a duty or function under any Act of Parliament in relation to the Project; or taken any course of action that would allow the Project to proceed in whole or in part?**

Indigenous Services Canada will not exercise a power or perform a duty or function under any Act of Parliament in relation to the Project.

4. **Has your department or agency had previous contact or involvement with the proponent or other party in relation to the Project? (For example, enquiry about methodology, guidance, or data; introduction to the project)**

Indigenous Services Canada did not have previous contact or involvement with the proponent or other party in relation to the Project.

5. **Does your department or agency have additional information or knowledge not specified, above?**

Indigenous Services Canada is in possession of some specialist knowledge potentially relevant to the project's assessment and, as such, may be involved in disclosing/sharing information related to Indigenous communities (if it is deemed that such communities could be impacted by the Project). This information could pertain to socio-economic and health baseline conditions in the communities.

6. **From the perspective of the mandate and area(s) of expertise of your department or agency, what are the issues that should be addressed in the impact assessment of the Project, should the Agency determine that an impact assessment is required?**

The proposed Project encompasses the construction, development and operation of a natural gas liquefaction facility and marine terminal which would produce up to 12 million tonnes per year of liquefied natural gas and is set to operate for approximately 30 years. The Ksi Lisims LNG Project is set to be located at Wil Milit on Pearse Island in British Columbia, primarily within the traditional territory of the Nisga'a Nation. The Nisga'a Nation entered a modern treaty with British Columbia in 2000 and currently holds treaty rights to approximately 26,000km² which is inclusive to the proposed Project site.

Although the project is expected to reach "net-zero" in terms of emissions output and is expected to provide positive economic opportunities for nearby Indigenous communities, concerns surrounding impacts to Indigenous communities. Concerns surrounding impacts to Indigenous communities are largely centred around:

- *loss of food security (traditional foods);*
- *loss of lands with native habitats and associated wildlife;*
- *impacts to soils, waters and fish habitat;*
- *loss of habitat for migratory birds;*
- *localized climatic changes due to potential emissions during construction, operation and decommissioning;*
- *social well-being and economic prosperity;*
- *impacts to sacred sites and other cultural and heritage-sensitive areas; and*
- *cumulative effects due to significant oil, gas, forestry and mining development activities over the past several decades.*

Indigenous Services Canada does not have any through legislative or regulatory mechanisms that could manage the potential adverse/incidental effects of the Project. ISC would not issue any licence, permit, authorization or approval for this project.

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