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SENT VIA EMAIL

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Dear Mr. Hallman:

I am writing to you to request substitution pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act 2012* (CEAA 2012) and our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Substitution of Environmental Assessments (2013).

WCC LNG Project Ltd. (Proponent) is proposing to construct and operate a liquefied natural gas export facility and associated marine terminal near Prince Rupert, British Columbia.

In accordance with section 3 of the MOU, British Columbia requests substitution for the environmental assessment of the proposed WCC LNG Project (WCCLNG) under CEAA 2012. If substitution is approved by Minister Aglukkaq, British Columbia commits to fulfil the conditions for substitution under CEAA 2012 in accordance with section 4 of the MOU.

In addition, should Minister Aglukkaq request that British Columbia undertake procedural aspects of Aboriginal consultation on behalf of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) for the proposed Project, British Columbia would be prepared to undertake that responsibility in accordance with section 5 and the Annex of the MOU.

WCCLNG is reviewable under the British Columbia Reviewable Projects Regulation (BC Reg. 720/02) and a section 10 Order was issued on January 7, 2015 requiring the Proponent to undergo provincial environmental assessment.

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I understand that a Project Description was submitted to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and I am aware that the Agency must first accept the Project Description and determine whether a federal environmental assessment is required before it can respond to this request for substitution.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible regarding Minister Aglukkaq's decision on this request for substitution.

Sincerely,



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