

TGS NOPEC Geophysical Company ASA, Petroleum GeoServices and Multi Klient Invest (TGS/PGS/MKI) Northeastern Canada 2D Seismic Exploration Survey.

National Energy Board
Information Request No. 2 to TGS/PGS/MKI
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1. **Preamble:** In the letter to TGS/PGS/MKI dated 11 October, the Board indicated that during the public comment period for the draft Environmental Screening Report Mr. Hamilton, as the authorized section 15 member, will conduct public meetings tentatively planned to take place in the communities of Pond Inlet, Clyde River and Iqaluit. These meetings will take place after TGS/PGS/MKI completes their community consultation meetings. The Board will use comments from the public meetings, written submission and any further information from TGS/PGS/MKI to inform the final Environmental Screening Report. A benefits plan, declaration of fitness and a completed environmental assessment are required before a Geophysical Operations Authorization can be issued.

The Board notes that TGS/PGS/MKI has indicated in previous correspondence they would like to commence the seismic program during the 2012 open water season.

Request: In view of the timing of the above events, please provide an update to the proposed operational schedule for the seismic program.

TGS/PGS/MKI is committed to continuing to working with the NEB and continued engagement within the communities for our multi-year survey. It is unlikely that the program will commence in 2012. Due to the current timing of schedule to engage with all relevant stakeholders, as we continue to work with NEB and communities we anticipate that work will begin in the Open Waters of 2013. We recognize that the permitting process needs to actively continue through 2012 to enable work to begin on the project in 2013.

2. **Reference:** TGS/PGS/MKI's response to the NEB Information Request No. 1 dated 23 February 2012.

Preamble: TGS/PGS/MKI indicated (on page 17) A full consultation strategy is expected to be available in February 2012.

Request: Please provide a consultation plan including but not limited to the following;

- A consultation schedule, including when results of consultation may be available to NEB;
- A list of communities to be consulted;

In preparation for the community engagement RPS Energy and Nexus Coastal Resource Management have prepared an Assessment of the six Aboriginal Communities located near the study area. For each community (Pond Inlet, Clyde River, Qikiqtarjuaq, Pangnirtung, Iqaluit and Kimmirut), this assessment looked at four key areas. The hamlet council was identified. An analysis of the past, current, and future projects that have or will have affect the community was completed. Next, a review of the industries, and associated businesses in each community was compiled. Finally, the local, national and global issues that may affect each community were explored. Information was gathered through documents on the NEB website and a desktop review. The desktop review gathered information from sources such as newspaper articles and websites that provide additional information than what has been collected through formal meetings.

These four components have provided us the information so that we can identify major stakeholders and to understand issues that may be present in each community. This allows us to be prepared and understand what issues a community may have dealt or is dealing with and how these issues may influence the willingness of each community to work with PGS/TGS/MKI throughout the Project (including consultations). In addition, this assessment allowed us to learn about each community and to become informed on the individuals, organizations and businesses that should be invited to participate in the consultations.

During the consultations, an Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge Study will be completed with each community. This study will provide up to date information on traditional uses and current uses of the area potentially affected by the Project. The information gathered can be used within the Project to mitigate/enhance the Projects potential affect on the communities.

The Baffin Bay consultations will begin on either June 3rd or June 10th, 2012 and be between 14-18 days to ensure adequate time is spent in each community to complete effective consultations. The six communities that will be involved in the consultations are: Pond Inlet, Clyde River, Qikiqtarjuaq, Pangnirtung, Iqaluit and Kimmirut. For each community, we will send a meeting request to their Hunters and Trappers Organization, Hamlet and set up a meeting for community members. This meeting will provide the opportunity for community members to learn about the Project, to discuss the project, to learn about the community's thoughts regarding the project, and to collect Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge from community members. In addition, we will contact local schools and offer to do a presentation on the project and seismic surveys while we are in their community. The presentation is being translated into Inuktitut by Ayaya

Communications. Finally, we will contact fishery organizations and provide them the opportunity for a meeting.

- A description of design of the consultation program, including:
 1. Methods that will be used;
 - *PowerPoint Presentation (English and Inuktitut)*
 - *Wall Poster's (English & Inuktitut)*
 - *Brochure (English & Inuktitut)*
 - *Maps of the survey area for the Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge Study*
 - *In consultation with HTO have each community appoint a "Contact for the Community" to keep the community informed on the project via a contact method (radio, posters, etc.) chosen by the community*
 - *Verbal translation (via translator) of the presentation to Inuktitut*

2. A description of how the results of consultation will be incorporated into the seismic program; and

During community engagement, there will be present an additional person to keep minutes on the meetings that will be reviewed by Nexus, RPS Energy and the proponents to best achieve how these concerns can be addressed and incorporated into the seismic program. In addition, the Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit documented throughout the Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge Study will be incorporated in the seismic program.

3. A description of how affected communities will be informed on the seismic program's progress throughout the lifecycle of the project;

The "Contact" appointed in each community can be informed via email (or another means of communication) on the project. This contact person for each community will in turn inform the community about the seismic program. The Final MMO report can be circulated to all stakeholders via email and mail (this was done on the Labrador 2011 project with the Inuit and Stakeholders in Labrador).

Information on arrival and departure, timing can be transmitted via Radio Broadcast.

Follow up meetings can be held in the communities to share information on the project upon completion,

Continued consultation with the communities as this is a multi year project.