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Office of the United Nations
High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
Palais des Nations CH-1211
Geneva 10, Switzerland

Attention: Beatriz Balbin, Chief, Special Procedures Branch
REF: AL OTH 113/2022

Dear Beatriz Balbin,


LNG Canada and its Joint Venture Participants strongly uphold human rights in the design, construction and operation of its LNG facility that is currently being built on the ancestral unceded territory of the Haisla First Nation.

LNG Canada and its Joint Venture Participants are currently constructing an LNG liquefaction and export facility on the west coast of Canada, on the ancestral unceded territory of the Haisla First Nation. When complete, our project will contribute to the security of supply for markets that rely on Canada’s natural gas reserves for their energy supply, provide a lower carbon energy source as natural gas replaces the use of coal, and bring significant economic growth and stability to northern British Columbia communities and all of Canada. The LNG Canada facility is serviced by the natural gas pipeline that is owned and operated and is being constructed by Coastal GasLink.

LNG Canada has reviewed and acknowledges the response to your January 13, 2023 letter that has been submitted by Coastal GasLink.

LNG Canada is committed to respecting and upholding human rights, and to honouring its agreements with impacted Indigenous Peoples. LNG Canada supports the Coastal GasLink pipeline project and affirms that Coastal Gaslink holds all necessary permits to conduct its work legally in Canada. LNG Canada also recognizes Coastal GasLink’s efforts and focus on human rights performance in the construction and future operation of their pipeline.
LNG Canada is aware of the diligent work that Coastal GasLink has conducted in the planning, permitting and now construction of this pipeline, which work includes extensive consultation and ongoing engagement with impacted stakeholders and Indigenous Peoples. We understand and acknowledge that Coastal GasLink has received the support of all 20 First Nations along the pipeline route as granted through their elected Chiefs, including signed Project Agreements with these Nations (signed prior to construction commencing).

The Coastal GasLink pipeline project is now more than 80% complete and, continues to provide direct benefits via employment, workforce development, skills training and financial resources to communities and Indigenous Nations impacted by its work.

LNG Canada is proud of its own performance to involve local and Indigenous communities in its project. LNG Canada cares deeply about the community where we are building our facility. We also take very seriously the safety, security and human rights of all people at site and in the local communities affected by the facility and will continue to work collaboratively with our communities to deliver a benchmark for economically, environmentally and socially responsible project development in Canada and beyond.

Yours sincerely,

Jason Klein
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LNG Canada Development Inc.