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Commission Launches Business Transition Strategy

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) is undertaking a Business Transition Strategy (BTS) to ensure it is well positioned as part of B.C.'s liquefied natural gas strategy. The BTS initiative is focused on:

- Implementing a new electronic application submission portal for all permit applications.
- Implementing processes to collect permit application fees electronically.
- Streamlining internal review processes and expanding the data available to Commission review staff.
- Investigating options to distribute consultation packages to First Nations communities electronically and receive input and advice related to permit applications electronically.
- Increasing the number of reporting submissions that can be submitted electronically.
- Transitioning to an electronic document and record management system.
- Continuing to advance the internal processes and tools available for compliance and enforcement.
- Enhancing the tools and processes available to staff to manage and monitor restoration and reclamation activities.

As a result, the Commission intends to:

- Minimize process constraints, making the user experience in submitting application and reporting requirements easier and more consistent.
- Provide a spatially driven application tool, which will allow applicants to plan and prepare applications using the same information available to the Commission.
- Enhance the information the Commission has available for reporting and communication with stakeholders.
- Streamline internal Commission administrative tasks, ensuring internal resources are focused on the activities that help the Commission meet its mandate.

While implementation timelines for the various BTS components are project specific, the Commission intends to implement its improved application submission process, its online payment system, and the initial phase of its streamlined internal review processes for the fall of 2014. Improvements to processes associated with the electronic submission of reporting requirements are intended to begin implementation in early 2014.

Prior to implementation, the Commission will provide training opportunities to all system users. Additionally, the Commission values stakeholder involvement, and parties interested in participating in various stages of the different BTS projects can contact the Commission representative identified at the conclusion of this bulletin.

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