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INFORMATION LETTER # OGC 09-28

Subject: Site Investigation Requirements and Site Classification Tool

To: Industry Clients

Effective: October 30, 2009

Background:

Regarding the OGAA Implementation:

All necessary regulations, documents and background information on OGAA can be found at www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/OGAA/

For any questions pertaining to the status of this document, please contact the Commission representative listed at the bottom.

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between the BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission), Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, and Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, the Commission is implementing a Site Classification Tool to define the administrative threshold for sites where remediation activity must be directly overseen by the Ministry of Environment prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Restoration by the Commission.

The Site Classification Tool details the base environmental information needed to classify sites, the site classification system, and the associated reporting requirements. The site classification requirements will help the Commission better quantify, understand, manage, and report on environmental risks associated with oil and gas activities and the activities being undertaken by industry to manage those risks.

Requirement:

Effective October 30, 2009 operators must provide site classification reports to the Commission, in accordance with section 4.1 of the Site Classification Tool.

The Site Classification Tool may be viewed at: <http://www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/opsreq.asp>

If you have any questions regarding the Site Classification Tool and its implementation please contact:

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