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**INFORMATION LETTER # OGC 07-23**

**SUBJECT:** Cover Letter for Blueberry River First Nations (referral) Packages

**To:** Industry Clients

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 14, 2008.

**BACKGROUND:**

**Regarding the OGAA Implementation:**

All necessary regulations, documents and background information on OGAA can be found at [www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/OGAA/](http://www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/OGAA/)

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In March of 2007, a Long Term Oil and Gas Agreement (LTOGA) was signed between Blueberry River First Nations (BRFN), the Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) and the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (MEMPR). The Agreement can be viewed at:

[http://www.gov.bc.ca/arr/treaty/key/down/long\\_term\\_oil\\_gas\\_agreement.pdf](http://www.gov.bc.ca/arr/treaty/key/down/long_term_oil_gas_agreement.pdf)

The OGC is now implementing a revised cover letter for First Nations (referral) packages where consultation is required under the new Blueberry River First Nations LTOGA.

Implementation of the LTOGA will be a staged process, with the referral package cover letter being the first step. The revised cover letter was developed with BRFN as per the LTOGA and the OGC has engaged industry on these changes.

The main change in the BRFN LTOGA cover letter is requirement for the proponent to categorize applications as notification, standard or complex; each triggering different review and response timelines for First Nations. The cover letter includes a worksheet to assist in documenting criteria and rationale for categorizing the applications as notification, standard or complex.

Current consultation processes with other First Nations continue as before.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

All application submissions impacted by the BRFN LTOGA including new applications, revisions, and amendments must include a completed BRFN LTOGA cover letter for First Nations (referral) Packages.

The cover letter can be found on the OGC website at:

<https://www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/firstnationforms.html>

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