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INFORMATION LETTER # OGC 07-15

SUBJECT: Release of the Wells and Test Holes Manual and the Geophysical Manual

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 17, 2007

TO: Industry Clients

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 below.

The Oil and Gas Commission (OGC) has finalized both the Wells and Test Holes Manual and the Geophysical Manual along with the associated forms for both manuals. The purpose of the manuals is to provide industry with guidance on wells and test holes and geophysical responsibilities with respect to the following:

- OGC's application review process
- Additional information which may be incorporated in application forms
- Preparation of required application forms and submissions
- Approval documents issued

The Wells and Test Holes Manual provides new guidance with respect to completion of the application forms including the introduction of Routine/ Non-routine application review streams. The manual also provides guidance on pre-construction activities, abandonment, well spacing and construction, supplementary drilling practices, waste management and reclamation.

The Geophysical manual provides new guidance with respect to the completion of the application forms, which also include the introduction of a Routine/Non-routine application. The manual also provides guidance on pre-operation and construction, operation and construction and post-operation and construction.

The intent of this move to Routine and Non-Routine review streams is to expedite those applications that do not pose a significant regulatory risk. This initiative has been successfully tested with pipeline applications for the last two years.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Both manuals and associated forms will be uploaded onto our OGC website effective September 18, 2007 and there will be a 4 week transition period to allow for the previous version of submission forms. Full implementation of both manuals and new forms will be effective October 17, 2007.

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