



## COUNCIL OF THE HAIDA NATION

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November 10, 2009

Garry Alexander  
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**Re: NaiKun Project Environmental Assessment**

Garry Alexander:

I am writing to advise regarding the Haida Nation's review of the Environmental Assessment Application for the NaiKun Offshore Wind Project.

As you are aware, the Council of the Haida Nation (CHN) has undertaken its own review of the Application. This process has followed closely the timelines set out by the Environmental Assessment Office for the harmonized Federal/Provincial process. We retained Rescan Environmental Services Ltd. to undertake an independent review of the contents of the application and embarked on an extensive information sharing and technical review process, providing our Haida citizens the opportunity to understand the project.

Our people have always put our land, waters and culture first and we intend to ensure the sustainable development of the wind resource in our territory. The terms of reference for the review was set in respect to this special relationship with our lands and waters, and focused on what we know to be issues of priority.

At our Annual House of Assembly, held October 6-9 in Skidegate, the Nation received the report from our Environmental Assessment team, led by Beryl Parke, a member of the CHN executive. The report concluded that the project promises:

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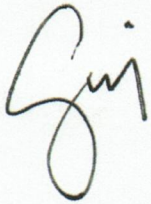
*“...a healthy net balance of positive results for people and the environment. With effective long term monitoring and mitigation measures in place combined with active oversight by the Haida people, this project will stand out as a model.”*

We are presenting this update only in recognition of your need to receive feedback from the Haida Nation for the purposes of your process. The Council of the Haida Nation has reviewed the proponent's Application, and after significant discussion and review between our respective scientists the Nation is generally satisfied with the commitments made by the proponent, particularly as relate to specific issues that have been raised by the Haida.

We are now in the final stages of our process, which includes Nations requirements regarding mitigation and monitoring. We also are bring the report to our people and expect to complete this by year end, at which time we will be in a position to issue an Environmental Assessment Certificate to the Proponent.

The Haida Nation intends to hold NaiKun to these commitments, through the formal Haida regulatory process, and the agreements we have in place with the Proponent.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Guujaaw', written in a cursive style.

Guujaaw  
President of the Haida Nation

Cc: Garry Wouters, Turning Point  
Steve Samis, CEAA  
Matt Burns, NaiKun