



September 9, 2009

Mr. Ron Sumanik
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Energy Mines and Resources
Government of Yukon
P.O. Box 2703, Stn Main
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Dear Mr. Sumanik:

Re: Proposed Amendments to Yukon's *Oil and Gas Act*

The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) represents 130 companies that explore for, develop and produce more than 90 per cent of Canada's natural gas and crude oil. CAPP also has 150 associate member companies that provide a wide range of services that support the upstream oil and natural gas industry. Together, these members and associate members are an important part of a \$120-billion-a-year national industry that affects the livelihoods of more than half a million Canadians.

Thank-you for your letter dated August 3, 2009 inviting CAPP to provide comments on Yukon's draft amendments to the *Oil and Gas Act*. CAPP has reviewed the draft legislative amendments and is directionally supportive of the measures being proposed.

CAPP continues to support the Yukon Government's efforts to develop and maintain a common oil and gas regime. In this regard, we believe the present effort to ensure that the *Oil and Gas Act* is aligned with current industry practices and the Yukon's broader evolving regulatory framework is an important step. These actions ultimately reduce regulatory risk and improve Yukon's competitiveness, and are viewed by CAPP members as an important indicator of the Yukon's desire to enable investment and realize its resource potential.

CAPP recognizes that many of the draft legislative amendments are oriented toward the eventual promulgation of pipeline regulations. Nevertheless, we encourage the Yukon government to continue its efforts toward completion of a full suite of oil and gas regulations.

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CAPP appreciates the opportunity to participate in the review, and looks forward to continued engagement on future regulatory initiatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Peters", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mike Peters
Manager, Northern Canada Operations

cc: Debra.Wortley, Manager, Rights and Royalties, Yukon Energy, Mines & Resources

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