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Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Signs Project Agreement with Lax Kw'alaams Band

Prince Rupert, B.C., February 15, 2016 – TransCanada Corporation (TSX:TRP) (NYSE:TRP) (TransCanada) today announced that its Prince Rupert Gas Transmission project (PRGT) has signed a project agreement (PA) with Lax Kw'alaams Band. The PA outlines economic and employment benefits as well as other commitments that will be provided for as long as the project is in service. The announcement of PRGT's agreement with Lax Kw'alaams comes in conjunction with agreements between Lax Kw'alaams, the Metlakatla and the Province of British Columbia and Pacific NorthWest LNG.

PRGT and the Metlakatla First Nation signed a PA in September 2015.

"This is a significant milestone for PRGT, Lax Kw'alaams, Metlakatla, Pacific NorthWest LNG and the Province of British Columbia. We're very happy to be a part of this agreement," said Tony Palmer, president of PRGT. "These agreements are the product of strong engagement practices and years of collaboration."

PRGT has now announced 14 project agreements executed with First Nations in B.C. They include: Blueberry River First Nations, Doig River, Gitanyow, Gitxsan, Halfway River, Kitselas First Nation, Lake Babine Nation, McLeod Lake Indian Band, Metlakatla First Nation, Nisga'a Lisims Government, Takla Lake First Nation, Tl'azt'en Nation and Yekooche First Nation.

The \$5 billion PRGT project will provide significant economic benefits for British Columbians, local and provincial governments, and Indigenous communities as it supports the export of surplus natural gas to global markets, including:

- Thousands of short-term jobs for B.C. residents;
- Opportunities for local and Aboriginal businesses;
- Millions of dollars in annual taxes to help support local services such as schools, policing, fire protection, and waste management;
- Billions of dollars in new investments for the province.

Prince Rupert Gas Transmission is proposing to construct and operate a 900-kilometre natural gas pipeline to deliver natural gas from a point near Hudson's Hope to the proposed Pacific NorthWest LNG facility at Lelu Island, off the coast of Port Edward, near Prince Rupert. Project details can be found at http://www.princerupertgas.com/

With more than 65 years' experience, TransCanada is a <u>leader</u> in the <u>responsible development</u> and reliable operation of North American energy infrastructure including natural gas and liquids pipelines, power generation and gas storage facilities. TransCanada operates a network of natural gas pipelines that extends more than 90,300 kilometres (56,100 miles), tapping into virtually all major gas supply basins in North America. TransCanada is the continent's leading provider of gas storage and related services with 664 billion cubic feet of storage capacity. A large independent power producer, TransCanada currently owns or has interests in over 10,700 megawatts of power generation in Canada and the United States. TransCanada is also the developer and operator of one of North America's leading liquids pipeline systems that extend over 4,300 kilometres (2,700 miles), connecting growing continental oil supplies to key markets and refineries. TransCanada's common shares trade on the Toronto and New York stock exchanges under the symbol TRP. Visit <u>TransCanada.com</u> and <u>our blog</u> to learn more, or <u>connect with us on social media</u> and <u>3BL Media</u>.

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