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INFORMATION LETTER # OGC 09-11

Subject: BC Geographic System (BCGS) Map sheet Data Access Changes

To: Industry Clients

Effective Date: April 1, 2009

Background:

The Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) initiated a project to scan hard copy BC Geographic System (BCGS) map sheets used for mapping and statusing oil and gas activity. The constant use of the hard copy BCGS map sheets resulted in deterioration of these valuable information sources.

Historic data will be captured in electronic format allowing discontinuation of hard copy maps. The map sheets will be scanned and loaded to the Commission FTP site for industry access.

New application data is submitted electronically through ePASS providing digital shape file data to the Commission. This data is available on the Commission FTP site and in the Province of British Columbia Integrated Land and Resource Registry (ILRR).

This new process:

- Eliminates the need for industry and clients to visit the Commission office to view or sign out BCGS maps for use at their home office;
- Eliminates need for Commission staff to hand draw activity shapes on paper maps; and,
- Provides for an efficient and effective system to assess tenure conflicts.

Requirement:

BCGS map sheets will be scanned in batches March 17, 2009 to March 31, 2009 and may not be available for industry or client viewing.

Scanned maps will be loaded to the Commission FTP site concurrent with the scanning process.

The scanned maps will undergo geo-referencing to orient images to the correct geographic location. Maps will be geo-referenced using the NAD83 BC Albers coordinate system according to the British Columbia Provincial government standard.

Effective April 1, 2009 the use of hard copy BCGS map sheets will be discontinued.

The BCGS maps will be available on the OGC FTP site at the following location:
ftp://www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/outgoing/OGC_Data/BCGS_Maps

Digital data collected through ePass is also available on the OGC FTP site:
ftp://www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/outgoing/OGC_Data

Digital data can also be found in the Integrated Land Resource Registry:
<http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca/ilrr/ILRR.htm>

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