

**PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINES**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC TENDER

COMPETITION FOR THE RIGHT TO EXPLORE AND DEVELOP CROWN GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES

JANUARY 21, 2014

Pursuant to Section 5 of the Geothermal Resources Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 171 (the "Act") sealed bid packages addressed to the Minister of Energy and Mines and received by the Energy Policy and Regulation Branch, Electricity and Alternative Energy Division, 4th floor, 1810 Blanshard Street, PO Box 9314 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria BC V8W 9N1, before 12:00 noon Pacific Standard Time, January 21, 2014, will be considered for the privilege of obtaining geothermal rights. The accepted bid will be determined, based on criteria defined in [Geothermal Information Letter 2013-01 \(GIL201301\)](#). Bids that do not meet the specified requirements will not be accepted.

Parcel GP2014001 is offered for tender on January 21, 2014.

For more information contact the Electricity and Alternative Energy Division, 4th Floor 1810 Blanshard St, PO BOX 9314, Stn Prov Gov, V8W 9N1, telephone 250-952-0777 or email: GeothermalTitles@gov.bc.ca.

In addition to the terms listed in this notice, successful bidders will be subject to the terms and condition under various acts and regulations governing exploration and development. Tenure holders should seek direction/guidance from the Ministry of Energy and Mines when planning exploration activities.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia
this December 12, 2013.

Bill Bennett
Minister of Energy and Mines

PERMIT	DESCRIPTION
GP2014001	NTS 103-I-07 BLK A UNITS 65-68,71-78, 81-84, 91-93 NTS 103-I-07 BLK H UNITS 1-3, 11-13, 21-22, 31-32, 41-42, 51, 81 NTS 103-I-07 BLK I UNITS 25, 34-35, 45, 64 Area: 2865 Ha
	INC : GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES ALL ZONES
	PARCEL OVERLAPS AN AREA IDENTIFIED BY THE KITSELAS AND HAISLA FIRST NATIONS AS TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES; ENGAGEMENT AND/OR SITE SPECIFIC ASSESSMENTS MAY BE REQUESTED BY THE FIRST NATIONS.
	LAX KW'ALAAMS BAND (LKB) HAS ADVISED THAT THIS PARCEL OVERLAPS THEIR TRADITIONAL TERRITORY AND IS USED FOR EXERCISING ABORIGINAL RIGHTS. LKB HAS REQUESTED PRE-APPLICATION ENGAGEMENT WITH THE PROPONENT TO DISCUSS LKB IDENTIFIED INTERESTS AND VALUES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: TRADITIONALLY HARVESTED RESOURCES AND TRADITIONAL USE OPPORTUNITIES (E.G. FISHING, HUNTING, TRAPPING, BERRY AND PLANT GATHERING, FOREST HARVESTING); ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT SITES (E.G. CANOE BUILDING SITE, CULTURALLY MODIFIED TREES); AND INFORMATION OUTLINED IN PLANS PUBLISHED BY LKB (E.G. INTERIM LAND AND MARINE RESOURCES PLAN). ARCHAEOLOGICAL, TRADITIONAL USE, CULTURAL HERITAGE, BIOPHYSICAL (E.G. FISH, WILDLIFE, HABITAT) ASSESSMENTS AND MITIGATION PLANS MAY BE REQUESTED PRIOR TO ON-THE-GROUND ACTIVITIES. ACCESS, EXPLORATION, WELLSITE AND INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY TO MINIMIZE SURFACE DISTURBANCE AND PROTECT LKB INTERESTS AND VALUES.

	METLAKATLA FIRST NATION (MFN) HAS ADVISED THAT THIS PARCEL OVERLAPS THEIR TRADITIONAL TERRITORY AND IS USED FOR EXERCISING ABORIGINAL RIGHTS. MFN HAS REQUESTED PRE-APPLICATION ENGAGEMENT WITH THE PROPONENT TO DISCUSS MFN IDENTIFIED INTERESTS AND VALUES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: TRADITIONALLY HARVESTED RESOURCES AND TRADITIONAL USE OPPORTUNITIES (E.G. FISHING, HUNTING, TRAPPING, BERRY AND PLANT GATHERING, FOREST HARVESTING); AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT SITES (E.G. CULTURALLY MODIFIED TREES). ARCHAEOLOGICAL, TRADITIONAL USE, CULTURAL HERITAGE, BIOPHYSICAL (E.G. FISH, WILDLIFE, HABITAT) ASSESSMENTS AND MITIGATION PLANS MAY BE REQUESTED PRIOR TO ON-THE-GROUND ACTIVITIES. ACCESS, EXPLORATION, WELLSITE AND INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY TO MINIMIZE SURFACE DISTURBANCE AND PROTECT MFN INTERESTS AND VALUES.
	THE METLAKATLA FIRST NATION IS A SIGNATORY OF THE COASTAL FIRST NATIONS/BRITISH COLUMBIA RECONCILIATION PROTOCOL AGREEMENT. ENGAGEMENT MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH THIS AGREEMENT.
	SPECIFIC FIRST NATION(S) VALUES AND INTERESTS INCLUDE:
	UNGULATE HABITAT
	MOOSE
	SENSITIVE FISHERIES VALUES IN AREA STREAMS
	MEDICINAL PLANTS
	PARCEL OVERLAPS TRAPLINE REGISTERED TO FIRST NATION COMMUNITY MEMBER
	THE DISTRICT OF KITIMAT-STIKINE REQUESTS ENGAGEMENT PRIOR TO UNDERTAKING ANY EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.
	PARCEL CONTAINS OR IS NEAR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS. EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS MUST CONSIDER POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON THE COMMUNITY. EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION WILL BE REQUIRED. SURFACE ACCESS MAY BE RESTRICTED.
	PARCEL OVERLAPS CITY OF TERRACE. MUNICIPAL LAND USE AND ZONING BYLAWS MAY APPLY.
	THE CITY OF TERRACE REQUESTS ENGAGEMENT PRIOR TO UNDERTAKING ANY EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.
	ACCESS ,EXPLORATION, WELLSITE AND INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY. PRIOR TO ON-THE-GROUND ACTIVITY, CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE PROVINCIAL MINISTRY FOR APPLICABLE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION MEASURES TO MINIMIZE DISTURBANCE AND ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING (NOT LIMITED TO):
	VALUES IN ADJOINING PARK
	FISH HABITAT
	WATER QUALITY AND WATERSHED VALUES
	SENSITIVE PLANTS AND ECOSYSTEMS
	SENSITIVE FISHERIES VALUES IN AREA STREAMS
	SENSITIVE RIPARIAN HABITATS
	BIODIVERSITY AND RIPARIAN VALUES
	BLUE OR RED LISTED SPECIES
	DESIGNATED RECREATIONAL TRAIL
	SLOPE STABILITY AND ERODIBLE SOILS; GEOTECHNICAL STUDIES AND MITIGATION METHODS MAY BE REQUIRED.

	ACCESS AND WELLSITE CONSTRUCTION RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY WITHIN:
	LAND ACT TENURE(S)
	UREP RESERVE (USE, RECREATION AND ENJOYMENT OF THE PUBLIC)
	QUARRY, SAND AND GRAVEL RESERVE
	FOREST MANAGEMENT RESEARCH RESERVE
	OLD GROWTH MANAGEMENT AREA
	GUIDE OUTFITTER AREA CERTIFICATE
	FOREST ACT TENURE(S)
	DESIGNATED (COMMUNITY) WATERSHED
	PARCEL WITHIN OR PARTIALLY WITHIN THE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE; RESTORATION OF SURFACE SOIL ON DISTURBED AREAS REQUIRED. PRECAUTIONS REQUIRED TO PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION OR SPREAD OF WEEDS AND PLANT DISEASES.
	RECORDED AND POTENTIAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES EXIST; ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT MAY BE REQUIRED.