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Dear residents of Haida Gwaii,

Two years ago, the Council of the Haida Nation (CHN) and British Columbia (BC) signed the Gaayhllxid • Gíhlagalgang “Rising Tide” Haida Title Lands Agreement, recognizing Haida Aboriginal title to Haida Gwaii. We are writing to provide you an update about the implementation of the Agreement and the significance of the two-year anniversary.

There are no immediate changes as a result of the two-year anniversary. Work to implement the Agreement is continuing gradually, and we will provide further updates on that work as it progresses.

We want to reaffirm that the Agreement does not change or take away fee simple interests, including private property, whether used for residential, business or industrial purposes. Policies, legislation and regulations pertaining to fee simple interests on Haida Gwaii remain under BC jurisdiction. The Agreement, and the legislation that followed, protects the continued ownership and use of private property and does not alter existing private property rights. Providing this certainty for residents was and continues to be a priority for both CHN and BC.

As set out in the Agreement, the transition process is ongoing and timing may be adjusted for specific areas of work. Existing BC-issued tenures, permits, licences and leases on Haida Gwaii will continue under the current system of collaborative decision-making between CHN and BC until new authorization processes and policies are established. All land and resource management decisions on Haida Gwaii under provincial jurisdiction will continue to be made consistent with Haida Aboriginal title.

CHN and BC continue to meet and incorporate feedback from residents and elected representatives on Haida Gwaii to support moving forward in a good way. As our ongoing discussions around reconciliation of laws and interests unfold, we will continue to update the community on important milestones.

If you have questions or feedback to share, please email IRRCoastNegotiations@gov.bc.ca Further information is available at <https://gov.bc.ca/HaidaTitle>.

Sincerely,

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President of the Haida Nation