



INFORMATION LETTER

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SUBJECT: Petroleum and Natural Gas Rights Management - Beaton, Blueberry and Doig Indian Reserves

Revenue Sharing Agreement

The Province of British Columbia has entered into a petroleum and natural gas revenue sharing agreement with the Blueberry River Indian Band and the Doig River Indian Band (the Bands). The agreement is with respect to: Beaton River Indian Reserve 204, Blueberry River Indian Reserve 205 and Doig River Indian Reserve 206 (the reserves). The reserves are shown on the attached map.

The province will share equally with the Bands the petroleum and natural gas tenure disposition bonuses, tenure rental payments and royalty revenue derived from the reserves. The province has made a one-time payment to cover the Bands' share of previous revenues.

The revenue sharing agreement will be transparent to tenure holders and royalty payers. No new charges will be levied and no special payment procedures will apply. Tenure and royalty payments will continue to be received by the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (ministry). The ministry will be wholly responsible for determining and forwarding the Bands' share of the revenue.

Copies of the petroleum and natural gas revenue sharing agreement may be obtained from:

Steven Glover Well Records Supervisor 6th floor, 1810 Blanshard Street Victoria, British Columbia V8V 1X4 Phone: (604) 952-0293 Fax: (604) 952-0291

Rights Dispositions

Parcels of petroleum and natural gas rights that are wholly or partially within the reserves will be awarded through the routine Crown rights disposition process. Posting requests will be considered for the February 22, 1995 disposition and for all subsequent dispositions. Posting requests may be submitted by mail or facsimile to:

Gerald German Commissioner Petroleum Titles Branch 6th floor, 1810 Blanshard Street Victoria, British Columbia V8V 1X4 Fax: (604) 952-0331
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As with all posting requests, please include a written description of the requested parcel and a map showing the area involved; state the type of tenure desired and the preferred disposition date; and, if the request is for a drilling licence, provide the name and approximate depth of the formation to be tested by drilling.

The ministry will refer all posting requests that are wholly or partially on the reserves to the Bands for comment. The comments provided by the Bands will form the basis of any access caveats that may be required to protect hunting, trapping or fishing rights; residential uses of the reserves; or sites of known spiritual, historical or archaeological value.

The Bands may require up to 45 days to respond to a referral. This time requirement should be considered when submitting a posting request. To avoid delays, postings should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the normal closing date for postings.

Surface Access

The ministry has agreed to provide written notice to the Bands 45 days prior to approving an application to conduct geological work, geophysical exploration or well drilling. This period should be considered when formulating work plans.

Operators will be responsible for obtaining right-of-entry agreements for surface access. The Bands have agreed not to withhold consent unless they have reasonable grounds for asserting that entry will interfere with the exercise of hunting, trapping or fishing rights; residential uses; or sites of known spiritual, historical or archaeological value.



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Energy Resources Division

Attachment

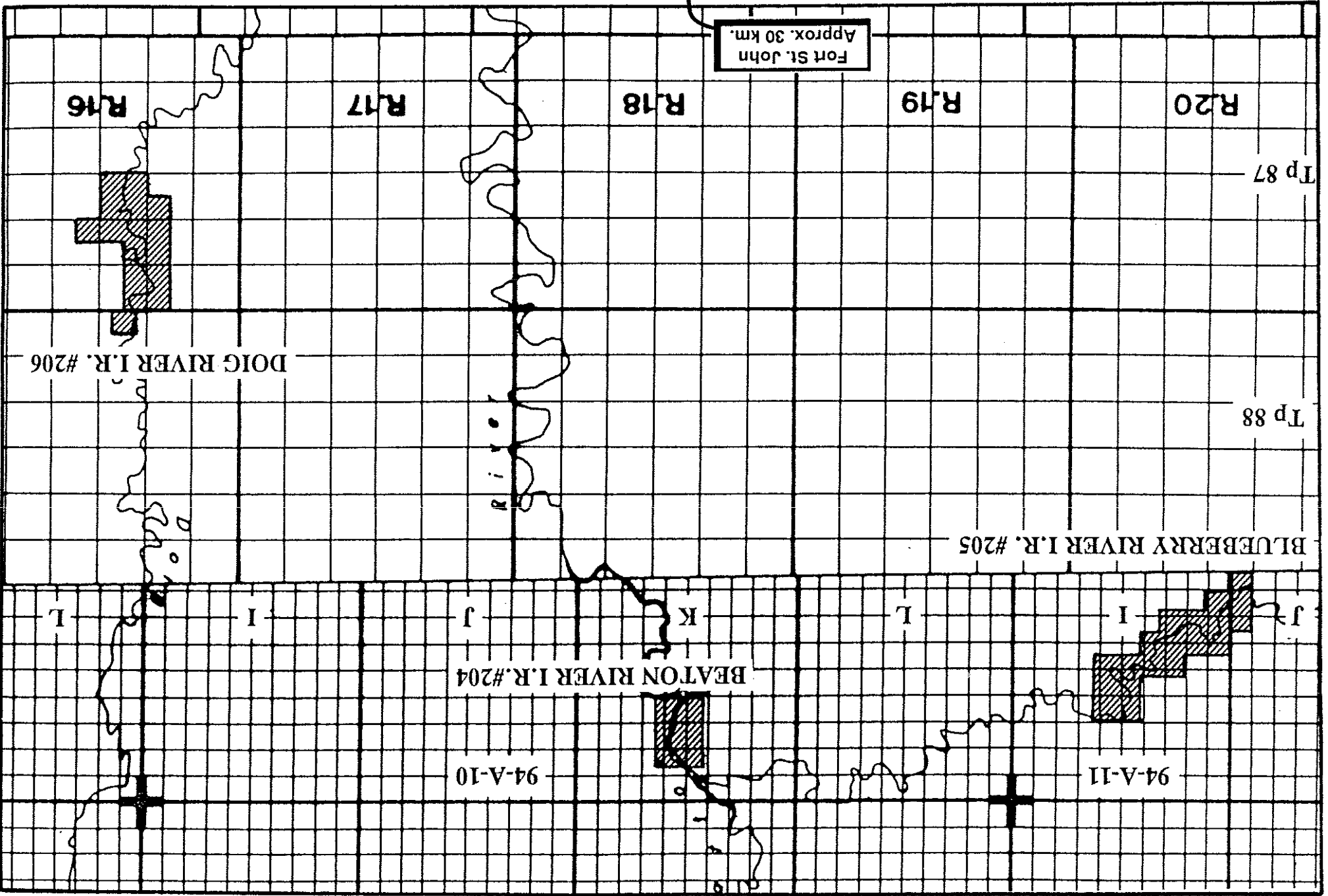
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Indian Reserves 204, 205, & 206

Fort St. John
Approx. 30 km.



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