Notice Of Public Tender

Crown Petroleum and Natural Gas Rights

Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions

Energy Resources Division

May 7, 2025

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

PUBLIC NOTICE OF COMPETITION FOR THE RIGHT TO EXPLORE AND DEVELOP CROWN PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS RESOURCES

May 7, 2025

Under section 71 of the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act* (the Act), sealed bids will be received up to **12:00 noon, Wednesday May 7, 2025** for the privilege of obtaining petroleum and natural gas rights detailed in the parcel descriptions below.

Bidding procedures and requirements are detailed in the Guide to Acquiring Crown Petroleum and Natural Gas Tenures. A copy of this guide can be requested by email at pngtitles@gov.bc.ca.

In order to be considered, a bid must be prepared and submitted consistent with the requirements specified in the Guide to Acquiring Crown Petroleum and Natural Gas Tenures. This includes the requirement to submit the $500 issuance fee and first year's rent as indicated in the list of parcels below.

A bid is evaluated against other bids received for the parcel, the geological potential of the parcel, and historical and current bidding trends. Tenure is awarded based on this evaluation. The Minister reserves the right to reject any or all bids if it is determined that acceptance of the bid(s) would not be in the best interest of the Crown.

Tenure is issued in accordance with and conveys the rights described in the Act. The Ministry considers referral comments received from provincial agencies, local governments and First Nations which are incorporated, where appropriate, as specific information in the parcel descriptions.

For More Information:

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http://www.bc-er.ca/

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

DATED at Victoria, British Columbia

this 10th day of April, 2025

Adrian Dix

Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions

Tenure Types and Rights Conferred:

Permits confer the exclusive right to apply under Energy Resource Activities Act to do exploratory drilling for petroleum, natural gas or both on land owned by the government and within the boundaries of the location of the permit. The issue or existence of a permit does not prohibit a person other than the holder of the permit from carrying out geological work or geophysical exploration in the permit area in accordance with the Energy Resource Activities Act. (PNG Act, s. 38(1) and (2))

Drilling licences confer the right to explore for petroleum and natural gas. (PNG Act: Drilling Licence Regulation, s.1)

Leases confer the exclusive right to produce, in accordance with the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act and the Energy Resource Activities Act, both the petroleum and natural gas referred to in the lease. (PNG Act, s. 50)

	LEASES	
PARCEL	**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**	**HA**
67502	**TRACT 1**	**259**
	TWP 079 RGE 16 W6M SEC 35	
	INCLUDING PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS DOWN TO BASE OF 34004 ARTEX-HALFWAY-DOIG	
	34004 ARTEX-HALFWAY-DOIG ZONE DEFINED IN THE INTERVAL 1864.8M-2028.1M ON THE BOREHOLE COMPENSATED SONIC LOG OF THE WELL W.A. 6717 10-18-79-14 W6M	
CAVEATS	THE PARCEL OVERLAPS WITH THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF TREATY 8 FIRST NATIONS. FOLLOWING THE DECISION OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA SUPREME COURT IN YAHEY V BRITISH COLUMBIA, ANY ADDITIONAL SURFACE DISTURBANCE IS SUBJECT TO A CUMULATIVE EFFECTS ANALYSIS. SURFACE DISTURBANCE, INCLUDING ACCESS AND WELLSITE CONSTRUCTION, MAY BE UNNECESSARY OR RESTRICTED IN ORDER TO AVOID OR MINIMIZE CUMULATIVE IMPACTS ON FIRST NATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES. APPLICATIONS FOR OIL AND GAS ACTIVITIES MAY BE DENIED BASED ON IMPACTS TO THESE VALUES.	
	THE PARCEL OVERLAPS A LAND USE PLAN THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED BY DOIG RIVER FIRST NATION (DRFN). FUTURE ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE PLAN AREA MAY BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS TO PROTECT AND RESTORE FIRST NATION CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES, MANAGE CUMULATIVE EFFECTS AND PROTECT TREATY RIGHTS. THE PROVINCE HAS NOT ENDORSED THE LAND USE PLAN AT THIS TIME BUT IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON DEVELOPING A JOINT LAND USE PLAN WITH DRFN. UNTIL A JOINT LAND USE PLAN IS IN PLACE, THE PROVINCE CONSIDERS DRFN'S LAND USE PLAN AS A POTENTIAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT DRFN'S EXERCISE OF THEIR TREATY RIGHTS AND OTHER INTERESTS. PLEASE CONTACT DOIG RIVER FIRST NATION FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR PLAN.	
	THE BC ENERGY REGULATOR (BCER) REQUIRES PROPONENTS TO CONDUCT PRE-ENGAGEMENT WITH AFFECTED FIRST NATIONS WHEN PLANNING ENERGY RESOURCE ACTIVITIES. PROPONENTS MUST SUBMIT A PRE-ENGAGEMENT RECORD WITH ANY APPLICATION TO THE BCER FOR ENERGY RESOURCE ACTIVITIES WITHIN THIS TENURE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, REFER TO THE BCER PRE-ENGAGEMENT GUIDANCE DOCUMENT.	
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	- STREAMS, WETLANDS, LAKES	
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	- PRIVATE LAND	
	- MINERAL, COAL AND/OR PLACER RESERVES	

	THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT (MOTT) HAS ADVISED THAT PERMITTING AND APPROVAL FROM MOTT IS REQUIRED AS OUTLINED ON THEIR WEBSITE, WHICH INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO ANY PROPOSED USE WITHIN MOTT PUBLIC HIGHWAY DEDICATION. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MOTT.	
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	PARCEL CONTAINS OR IS NEAR AREAS OF HIGH AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITY AND TRAFFIC. THE TENURE HOLDER IS ENCOURAGED TO CONSIDER POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON AGRICULTURE TRAFFIC AND USE OF ROADS IN PLANNING FOR DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY DURING SPRING AND FALL.	
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	HOLDING TENURE DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT TO CONDUCT OIL AND GAS ACTIVITY. TENURE HOLDERS MUST APPLY FOR ACTIVITY PERMITS FROM THE BC ENERGY REGULATOR (REGULATOR) UNDER THE ENERGY RESOURCE ACTIVITIES ACT AND/OR FROM OTHER AGENCIES WHERE APPLICABLE. THE REGULATOR MAY DENY PERMIT APPLICATIONS OR MAY IMPOSE CONDITIONS ON ACTIVITY PERMITS.	
	TERM: 5 YEARS	
	FEES: $ 500.00	
	RENT PER HA: $ 7.50	
	NO FURTHER TRACTS	
	REFERENCE NUMBER: 2505001	
PARCEL	**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**	**HA**
67503	**TRACT 1**	**519**
	TWP 080 RGE 16 W6M SEC 1	
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	TRACT 2	
	TWP 080 RGE 16 W6M SEC 2	
	INCLUDING PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS DOWN TO BASE OF 34004 ARTEX-HALFWAY-DOIG	
	EXCLUDING PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS IN 44014 BLUESKY-GETHING	
	EXCLUDING PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS IN 42014 CADOMIN-DUNLEVY-NIKANASSIN	
	34004 ARTEX-HALFWAY-DOIG ZONE DEFINED IN THE INTERVAL 1864.8M-2028.1M ON THE BOREHOLE COMPENSATED SONIC LOG OF THE WELL W.A. 6717 10-18-79-14 W6M	
	44014 BLUESKY-GETHING ZONE DEFINED IN THE INTERVAL 1309.6M-1468.6M ON THE BHC SONIC LOG OF THE WELL W.A. 5364 12-25-79-16 W6M	
	42014 CADOMIN-DUNLEVY-NIKANASSIN ZONE DEFINED IN THE INTERVAL 1468.6M-1576.4M ON THE BHC SONIC LOG OF THE WELL W.A. 5364 12-25-79-16 W6M	

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	FEES: $ 500.00	
	RENT PER HA: $ 7.50	
	NO FURTHER TRACTS	
	REFERENCE NUMBER: 2505002	

Parcels Offered and Hectares Summary

	No. Offered	Hectares
Permits	0	0
Drilling Licences	0	0
Leases	2	778
Grand Total	2	778

NEXT DISPOSITION DATE: June 4, 2025