



New Master Licence to Cut Renewal Process

TO: Industry Clients

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2010

BACKGROUND:

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) has identified a need to streamline the Master Licence to Cut (MLTC) renewal process and provide a format that eases the administrative burden on the Commission, industry, and the Ministry of Forests and Range (MoFR).

MLTCs are issued by the Commission under a specified enactment enabled through Section 47.4 of the *Forest Act*, to persons occupying Crown land for oil and gas purposes.

This bulletin explains the requirements for the MLTC renewal process going forward and outlines the requirements for maintaining these licences.

Under the new process, companies will be issued a Cutting Permit (CP) under their new MLTC for a two year term consistent with their oil and gas activity permit. If the oil and gas activity is extended longer than the original two year period the Commission will also extend the associated CP accordingly.

In order to streamline this process, the following changes will occur:

1. The Commission will issue a new MLTC (M02XXX) to all clients with an existing MLTC effective September 1, 2010 for a five year period expiring August 31, 2015.
2. All MLTCs issued after September 1, 2010 will be set to expire August 31, 2015, placing them on the same replacement cycle.
3. All MLTCs will be replaced as per the *Forest Act* provisions prior to expiring August 31, 2015.
4. Companies will retain their existing MLTC documents to maintain authorization for all existing approved CPs. In the event an existing MLTC and CP expire prior to a company completing an activity, a CP renewal will be required under a new MLTC.

The location of the MLTC application for new applicants is located at: www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/industryzone/forms/forestry.aspx

Existing MLTC holders will not need to submit documentation to the Commission and new MLTC documents for activities approved on or after September 1, 2010 will be delivered to the company representative by this time.

Should you have any questions regarding this Information Bulletin, please contact:

Roger St. Jean
Area Director
Project Assessment and Compliance Assurance Division
BC Oil and Gas Commission
Roger.StJean@gov.bc.ca
Tel: 250-787-3234

Original signed by:

Alex Ferguson
Commissioner and CEO
BC Oil and Gas Commission