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REVISED GEOPHYSICAL MANUAL (v 2.1) AND GAFA FORM

TO: Industry Clients

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 3, 2010

Revised versions of the Geophysical Manual (Manual) and associated Geophysical Application and Field Assessment (GAFA) Form, originally released September 18, 2007 have been placed on the Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) website.

In addition to providing assistance with the preparation and submission of the new GAFA Form, the revised Manual also provides guidance on the pre-operation and construction, operation and construction and post-operation and construction phases of a geophysical program. Tables showing the changes to the Manual and the GAFA Form have been included at the end of this Information Bulletin.

The updated Manual and GAFA Form are located on the Commission website respectively at:
<http://www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/geophysical.asp> and <http://www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/geophysicalforms.html>.

There will be a two week transition period during which the Commission will continue to accept the previous GAFA Form. Effective March 3, 2010 clients are asked to ensure they are using the February 2010 version of the GAFA Form when submitting applications.

The Commission is committed to continual improvement and collects information on the quality and effectiveness of content provided in guidelines and manuals. Clients and stakeholders may submit constructive comments and feedback to: ogc.documentation@gov.bc.ca.

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Changes to GAFA Form

Section	Summary of Changes
Section A	Requirement for Document # removed
Section B	Fee for Major Amendment added
Section E	'Operation Type' tick boxes added
Section F	Fish and Wildlife Timing window section removed Horn River Basin Program section added Stream Crossing Variance request removed
Section G	'Type of Site' dropdown menu added
Section I	Fibre Utilization Plan Exemption tick box added
Section K	Fibre Utilization Form tick box added
Section N	More space provided for descriptions
Section O	Section deleted
Section P	(now Section O) More space provided
Section Q	(now Section P) Requirement for 1:20,000 Preliminary Plan map removed
Section R	(now Section Q) Title changed from 'Conflicting Tenures' to 'Status Sheet'

Changes to Geophysical Manual - Version 2.1

Section	Summary of Changes
Manual Section 1.1	Expanded information provided on purpose of Manual Documentation feedback email address provided
Section 1.2	Expanded information provided on use of Manual Link to Commission glossary provided
Section 3.1	BC Corporate Registration information provided
Section 3.1.3	Transfer of Geophysical Approvals information added
Section 3.2.1	Expanded information provided on NTS Area Reports and Overlapping programs
Section 3.2.2	Section deleted (subsequent sections renumbered).
Section 3.2.3	Information consolidated
Section 3.2.5	Section deleted
Section 3.2.6	Section deleted
Section 3.2.7	Wildfires information moved to section 3.2.5
Section 3.2.8	Section deleted
Section 3.2.9	Section deleted
Section 4.2	Sample GAFA Form removed. Link provided for updated GAFA Form
Section 4.4	Section 4.4 gone. GAFA Form subsections now included under section 4.2 (i.e.: 4.3 is now 4.2.1 and 4.4 is now 4.2.2 etc). Topic order rearranged to reflect order on GAFA Form. Additional information provided regarding Private Land.

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Changes to Geophysical Manual - Version 2.1

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Section	Summary of Changes
Section 4.7.3	Section deleted
Section 4.8	(now section 4.2.6) Sections revised and updated Section for Horn River Basin Requirements added
Section 4.9	Section deleted
Section 4.10	(now section 4.2.7) information added to Types of Sites. Requirements for # of Sites and Average Area of Site added. Information on Woodlot Exclusions removed.
Section 4.11	(now section 4.2.8) Status Sheet example table removed Clarification on Types of Zones provided
Section 4.12	(now section 4.2.9) Fibre Utilization Plan information and requirements added
Section 4.13	(now section 4.2.10) Section updated and consolidated
Section 4.14	(now section 4.2.11) First Nations Agreements information updated. First Nations Notification and Pre-assessments wording revised. Consultation/Notice table updated to match GAFA Form.
Section 4.17.2	(now section 4.2.14) Information updated regarding required Program details
Section 4.18	Section deleted
Section 5.1.2	Section deleted
Section 5.2	Mapping Criteria section added
Section 6.2	Section deleted
Section 7.1	Email address provided for electronic submission of Geophysical Report. Link to step-by-step manual for tracking module removed. Minimal Impact Seismic (MIS) operations information removed.
Section 7.3	First Nations package requirements added
Section 7.4	Fee for Major Revisions (\$700)
Section 7.5.2	Major Amendment examples removed Fee for Major Amendments (\$1200)
Section 8.3	Information condensed regarding Plugging of Shot Holes Information condensed regarding Slashing Information condensed regarding Camp Cleanup Information condensed regarding Stream Crossing
Section 8.4	Requirement of one set of Shot Point Maps (previously two sets were required)
Section 8.5	Commission contact information updated