



December 20, 2007

Dear Community Member:

On December 7th, 2007 we hosted our second Open House on the proposed refinery and marine terminal, Project Eider Rock. For those who attended, we want to thank you for your thoughtful questions and input. All feedback collected at the Open House will be shared with the federal and provincial government and considered as part of the environmental assessment process.

To follow up on the information provided at the Open House, and to inform those who were not able to attend, please find enclosed a handout containing the most up-to-date study area map and preliminary project schedule. Also included is a bookmark which describes the Project's Draft Terms of Reference, which were recently submitted to the provincial and federal governments for review and approval, and how members of the public can provide their comments on their contents. The Draft Terms of Reference outline the work plans and methodologies on how the requirements of the provincial Final Guidelines and federal Environmental Assessment Track Report will be met as part of the provincial and federal environmental assessments for the Project. The Draft Terms of Reference are available on the Project Eider Rock webpage at <http://irvingoil.com/company/erock.asp>.

Next month, Jacques Whitford, an independent consulting firm that is conducting the environmental assessment work associated with the Project within the study area, will be hosting a workshop to review the Draft Terms of Reference. Further to the information provided at the Open House, this workshop will provide more detail on the methodologies for completing the assessment on various valued environmental components such as Air Quality, Biological Environment, Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment, and Socio-economic studies.

Workshop details are:

Saturday, January 12, 9am to 4pm

NBCC, Saint John Campus (Auditorium, 2nd floor), 950 Grandview Avenue.

This full day workshop is open to the public, but seating is limited, so prior registration is required. *If you are interested in attending please register no later than Tuesday, January 8, 2008 by calling 1-888-525-1777 or emailing elderrock@irvingoil.com.*

We are committed to keeping you informed as the Project progresses, and will be holding other public events and information sessions as the environmental assessment continues. We will notify you of these sessions as they are scheduled.

Have a happy holiday season and New Year.

Sincerely,

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