



## TRANSLATION

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**Re: Filing of Notice and Detailed Project Description - Gazoduq Project**

Ms. Gaudet,

On November 29, 2019, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) forwarded to Gazoduq a Summary of Issues compiled by the Agency, resulting from its public consultation period, which took place from October 22 to November 22, 2019. The public consultation period invited the public, and Indigenous groups potentially impacted by the Project, to review the Initial Project Description (IPD)<sup>1</sup> and provide comments. In the letter, the Agency asked Gazoduq to provide, no later than December 29, 2019, a Detailed Project Description (DPD) that sets out how the proponent intends to address the issues identified in the Summary of Issues and that includes the information described in the *Information and Management of Time Limits Regulations* (hereinafter, the Regulations).

In the same letter, the Agency invited the proponent to discuss the time required for filing the DPD. In December 2019, Gazoduq contacted Agency representatives to inform them that it would be filing the DPD and the responses to the Summary of Issues in both English and French by January 10, 2020.

Consequently, and in accordance with subsection 15(1) of the *Impact Assessment Act* (hereinafter the Act) and the requirements of the Regulations, Gazoduq hereby files its DPD including the "Notice" within the meaning of the Act (i.e. the answers to the Summary of Issues). As requested by the Agency, the answers to the Summary of Issues are presented in a table, namely Attachment 1, of the DPD and make reference, where applicable, to relevant sections of the DPD.

Furthermore, the Agency mentions in its November 29, 2019, letter that: "*In preparing the response, there may be certain issues that Gazoduq Inc. believes are outside its responsibility or control. In such cases, Gazoduq Inc. may choose to determine the part or parts for which it may answer the questions.*"<sup>2</sup> Gazoduq has used this approach for certain questions that are indeed outside of its responsibility or that are not part of the scope of the Project.

In accordance with the Regulations, Gazoduq is also providing a summary of the DPD. The DPD and its summary were prepared using the Agency's *Guide to Preparing an Initial Project Description and a Detailed Project Description*. Gazoduq files an official French version of the DPD and its summary as well as an English

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<sup>1</sup> The Initial Project Description (IPD) was filed to the Agency on October 10, 2019; the Agency accepted the IPD on October 22, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> Gazoduq's translation – source: Agency letter dated November 29, 2019.

translation of both documents. However, in the event of any discrepancy between the two versions, the French version will prevail.

The DPD is part of the planning phase of the Project (180 days maximum). According to subsection 15(3) of the Act, when the Agency is satisfied that the information provided in the Notice is complete, it will post a copy of the Notice on the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada's Internet site.

Following this posting, in accordance with Section 16 of the Act, the Agency must then decide whether an impact assessment of the Project is required and must also post a notice of its decision with reasons on the Internet site.

Gazoduc intends to participate fully and rigorously in all phases of the regulatory process, including the planning phase and subsequent phases.

I trust that this is consistent with your expectations.

Yours sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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Encl. Notice/Answers to the Summary of Issues and the Detailed Project Description (English and French)  
Summary of the Detailed Project Description (English and French)