

# Gazoduq Project

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Gazoduq Inc. is proposing the construction and operation of a 780-kilometre long natural gas pipeline between northeastern Ontario and Saguenay, Quebec. The project would link TC Energy's existing main gas transmission pipeline in northeastern Ontario to the Énergie Saguenay Project, a natural gas liquefaction terminal proposed by GNL Québec in Saguenay, Quebec. The project would also include three compressor stations, a measuring station, approximately 25 block valves and an associated control centre.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

From January 30<sup>th</sup> to March 10<sup>th</sup> 2020, the Agency will gather public comments regarding the documents mentioned below to inform the impact assessment process of this project.

### Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines

This document provides direction to the proponent and information on the requirements related to the preparation on an impact statement for the project. Please take the following elements into account while writing your comments. For example, tell us:

- Which components of the environment, health, social or economic conditions, be they positive or negative, are important to you and your community?
- What locations are of importance to you and could be affected by the project?
- Any other issues you would like to see addressed in the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines?

### Public Participation Plan

This document describes the public participation objectives, the way in which individuals wish to participate and all the opportunities for participation in each phase of the impact assessment process. Please take the following elements into account while writing your comments.

For example, tell us:

- Your preferences and suggestions on communication and participation tools that could facilitate your participation.
- Any challenges that you or your community are facing and that would prevent you from taking part in the project's public participation opportunities (for example, of a linguistic, economic, technical or other nature).

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**Send your comments by March 10, 2020**

Please submit your comments through the "Submit a comment" feature of the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry at [www.canada.ca/ciar](http://www.canada.ca/ciar) (Project Reference Number: 80264)

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. WHAT THE AGENCY DOES

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency), formerly called the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, is responsible for delivering high-quality impact assessments and serves as the centre of expertise on this subject matter within the Government of Canada. The Agency is responsible for federal reviews of major projects and collaborates with other organizations as well as with provincial, territorial and Indigenous bodies. The Agency also leads consultations with Indigenous groups on behalf of the Crown throughout the assessment process.

### 2. WHAT IS AN IMPACT ASSESSMENT?

An impact assessment is a study of the effects of a designated project, conducted pursuant to the *Impact Assessment Act*. The effects are defined as changes to the environment or to the health, social or economic conditions and the positive or negative consequences of these changes. An impact assessment may be conducted by the Agency or by a Review Panel.

### 3. WHAT IS AN INTEGRATED REVIEW PANEL?

A review panel is a group of independent experts appointed by the Minister to conduct an impact assessment. The members are chosen on the basis of their knowledge and experience regarding the predicted effects of the project or Indigenous issues. The members must demonstrate impartiality and not be in a situation of conflict of interest with respect to the project.

When an impact assessment is required for a designated project governed by a lifecycle regulator, such as the Canada Energy Regulator, the Minister must refer the assessment to an Integrated Review Panel. An Integrated Review Panel is a unique review that will meet, in the best way possible, the requirements of the *Impact Assessment Act* as well as those of the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act*. The Canada Energy Regulator will collaborate with the Agency throughout the impact assessment process.

### 4. WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION?

The participation of the public and Indigenous groups and Nations in an impact assessment ensures an open and balanced process, and makes it possible to increase the quality and credibility of a project review. The public and Indigenous groups and Nations are invited to give their comments regarding the key documents, such as the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and the Impact Statement. The public and Indigenous groups and Nations can also participate in activities, such as community sessions and public hearings. The comments gathered will be taken into account in the Integrated Review Panel's Assessment Report.

### 5. WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

For more information on the impact assessment of the Gazoduq Project or to consult the comments received, please refer to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry at [www.canada.ca/ciar](http://www.canada.ca/ciar) (Reference Number 80264).

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