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## Mackenzie Gas Pipeline Project update

With the closing remarks of the Joint Review Panel on Nov. 30 in Inuvik, the JRP Hearings on the Mackenzie Gas Project concluded. The Panel must now submit its report and recommendations on the potential socio-economic and environmental impact to the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, where they will be approved or amended, then submitted to the National Energy Board. This is expected to happen sometime during the third quarter of 2008. Once the JRP report is received by the NEB, it expects to conclude its oral hearings when it considers Final Argument.

If the NEB approves, it will issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, following which the proponents of the project will be required to file detailed project plans with the NEB.

Subject to all the regulatory hurdles being surmounted by mid-2009, the Mackenzie Gas Project could feasibly call tenders from

contractors as early as the latter part of 2009.

Contract awards in late 2009 or early 2010 would ensure that the successful contractor would be able to move its equipment and supplies during the 2010 summer barge season on the Mackenzie River, in order to be in place to construct the pipeline during the following three winters.

Recent word from the Alberta oilpatch is that TransCanada Pipelines has been meeting with the proponents of the Mackenzie Gas Project led by Imperial Oil Ltd., over a proposal that would see TransCanada take control of the project with 60 per cent ownership and the other 40 per cent ownership going to Aboriginal Pipeline Group (APG), a Calgary-based company representing aboriginal groups in northern Canada. TransCanada has had some involvement with the project through its financing of APG. Sources close to the project advise that the oil company partners in the project are in agreement with this and would become shippers

with long-term contracts. The key stakeholders in the project have scheduled meetings this month with Jim Prentice, the federal minister responsible for the project. The parties hope that an announcement may be made on this proposal before the end of the year.

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## OJ Pipelines underway on Corridor Expansion

Ernie Ochocki, OJ's superintendent reports a start has been made on Loop C, the Wandering River/Marianna Lake section in northern Alberta of the 42-in Corridor Expansion Project due for completion by the end of March.

## New associate members

Apache Pipe Products is a major manufacturer of pipeline cleaning and maintenance equipment, producing and supplying a complete line of pigs and pigging equipment for pipelines worldwide, located at 2115 91 Ave., Edmonton, AB T6P 1L1. Tel: 780.416.4850; Fax: 780.416.4829

Web: [www.apachepipe.com](http://www.apachepipe.com).

This company is headed by Stuart Chase, president. Don McNabb is the sales manager.

Trenchless Utility Equipment Inc. supplies a wide range of equipment for underground utility construction including directional drills, HDD support products, trenchers and plows, and pipe and cable locate, inspection and monitoring equipment. It is located at 2070 Queensway Dr., PO Box 1338, Burlington, ON L7R 4L9. Tel: 905.634.0669; Fax: 905.634.6685 Web: [www.trenchlessutility.com](http://www.trenchlessutility.com). The president is Jeff Lyons.

## Techint-Somerville project gets earlier start

Word from Nick deKoning, Somerville's president, is that a December start will be made on spread B, a 94 km section of the 30-inch Enbridge Waupisoo Project in northern Alberta. This section is scheduled for completion in April.

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## Brunswick Pipeline receives approval for Louisbourg to begin construction of a 30-inch, 145 km pipeline

Emera Brunswick Pipeline Company Ltd. reports the National Energy Board gave approval on November 16 for construction to begin on the 30-inch, 145 km pipeline from the Canaport LNG Terminal at Mispic Point, NB to a point on the US border near St. Stephen, NB. The NEB had decided in October to block the start of construction because lack of information about a reclamation plan for a park in Saint John. The NEB now says it is satisfied all conditions for construction to begin have been met.

Robin McAdam, president of Brunswick Pipeline, said it was great news and "our contractor, Louisbourg Pipelines, is ready. It is organizing manpower and equipment to begin clearing at St. Stephen."



PLCA president, Mike Prior, and the new president of the International Pipe Line and Offshore Contractors Association, John Reed, CEO of Heerema Marine Construction Nederland BV, shared some industry views at the IPLOCA convention in Sydney, Australia, in October.

## Waschuk on last 86 km of Corridor Expansion Project

Completion of Loop B, the 86 km final section for Waschuk Pipe Line Construction of the 42-inch Corridor Expansion Project for Inter Pipeline Fund, will be completed by the end of the first quarter of 2008 says

Kevin Waschuk, vice president of the Red Deer-based company. Waschuk has completed two other loops in this project, the 78 km Loop A last winter and the 141 km Loop D this past summer.



Waschuk crews installing pipe across the Wandering River tributary on the Inter Pipeline Fund Corridor Expansion Project during the summer of 2007.

## TransCanada files for new Alberta pipeline

TransCanada PipeLines announced that it has filed an application with the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board for a permit to construct a 300 km, 42-inch gas pipeline in northern Alberta.

The project, known as the North Central Corridor Pipeline Project, will connect the northwest portion of TransCanada's Alberta System at the Meikle River compressor station north of Manning, AB, to the northeast portion of the system at the Woodhouse compressor station near Wabasca, AB.

It is expected four pipeline construction spreads will be used starting in late 2008 and continuing through to the spring of 2010.

# Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada

## 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

April 14 to 18, 2008 Maui, Hawaii

Hotel reservation and convention registration forms will be sent to all members in late December



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Golf Tournament



Informative speakers





Ziplining



Surfing



Whale Watching



Childrens Camp



Snorkeling



Horseback Riding



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## Enbridge plans pipeline from Fort Hills Mine

Enbridge Inc. has announced plans to build a pipeline from the Fort Hills Energy oilsands project, 90 km north of Fort McMurray, AB to the upgrader site in Sturgeon County Industrial Heartland, 45 km northeast of Edmonton, AB. Size of the pipeline will likely be 30 or 36-inch. The project will include a diluent pipeline from the upgrader to the mine site, as well as interconnecting pipelines linking the upgrader to the Edmonton pipeline hub. Construction on the pipeline is expected to start early in 2009.

## Enbridge calls tender for Alberta Clipper

Enbridge Pipelines Inc. has called tenders for the construction of the Alberta Clipper Pipeline project, a new 1,607 km oil pipeline from Hardisty, AB to Superior, Wisconsin. Tenders close later this month.

The Canadian portion of the project includes the construction of over 1,000 km of 36-in pipeline from Enbridge's Hardisty terminal to the Canada-US border near Gretna, MB. It will remain within or adjacent to Enbridge's existing right-of-way.

The start of construction is planned for mid-2008 using 12 mainline spreads over 18 months, with a planned in-service date of mid-2010.

## Appointments

Serkes Ibrahim, has been named president of Champion Road Machinery Sales, a division of Volvo Motor Graders Limited. He may be reached at 1075 Clark Blvd., Brampton, ON. Tel.: 905.791.3131.

Strongco Equipment has appointed Steve Van Dyk to manager, sales and marketing, CASE equipment. Located at 1640 Enterprise Road, Mississauga, ON., 905.670.5100.

## ACTION DATES

### 2008

#### 12-18 FEBRUARY

Distribution Contractors Association  
47th Annual Convention  
Renaissance Esmeralda Resort  
Indian Wells, CA  
Contact: Dennis Kennedy  
Richardson, TX  
972.680.0261 [www.dca-online.org](http://www.dca-online.org)

#### 20-24 FEBRUARY

Pipe Line Contractors Association (US)  
60th Annual Convention  
The Ritz Carlton  
Kapalua, Maui, HI  
Contact: Pat Tielborg  
Dallas, TX  
214.969.2700 [www.plca.org](http://www.plca.org)

#### 14-18 APRIL

Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada  
54th Annual Convention  
Hyatt Regency Maui,  
Lahaina Maui, HI  
Contact: Barry Brown  
Oakville, ON  
905.847.9383 [www.pipeline.ca](http://www.pipeline.ca)

#### 21-25 APRIL

HANNOVER MESSE  
Pipeline Technology Conference  
& Trade Fair  
Hannover, Germany  
Contact: Oliver Frese  
Deutsche Messe AG  
+49.511.89.31310  
[www.hannovermesse.com](http://www.hannovermesse.com)



## Passing of John Phillips

A former consultant and executive secretary of the International Pipe Line and Offshore Contractors Association, John K. Phillips, died on Sunday, 2 December 2007.

A most remarkable man, well-known throughout the global pipeline construction industry, John was a longtime employee of Willbros, working on various pipeline construction projects, including many in the Middle East. In 1986 he joined the staff of IPLCA, (as it was then known) as executive secretary. In 1991 he became consultant to the board of directors of IPLOCA, a position he held until 2005. During that time he was introduced to the members of PLCAC when he attended a number of PLCAC conventions.



*At a recent meeting of the Northern Pipeline Projects Ltd. the board of directors focused on community relations initiatives for various projects being planned. Some of the directors in attendance included: (l-r) Matt McGinnis, Operating Engineers; Derm Cain, Operating Engineers; Lyall Nash, PLCAC; Doug Anguish, NPPL project manager; John Telford, UA; Roy Finley, Teamsters; and Kevin Waschuk, PLCAC.*

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