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Gitxaala Nation and Gitxaala Enterprises Corporation (GECO) Announces Historic First Nations Equity Option Agreement with LNG Canada.

Gitxaala Nation becomes one of five First Nations to have one of the largest First Nations Ownership Stakes in Energy Infrastructure

LAX KLAN, DOLPHIN ISLAND, B.C. – July 14, 2026 – The Gitxaala Nation, alongside Gitga'at First Nation, Haisla Nation, Kitselas First Nation and Kitsumkalum, in a limited partnerships of the economic development organizations of the Nations, MNT Investments LP, have entered a landmark equity agreement with LNG Canada.

“As People of the Saltwater (Git Lax M’oon), Gitxaala has always stewarded this territory’s lands, waters and resources, and this historic agreement shows how First Nations leadership can help shape a new model for responsible resource development in Canada,” said Luugagwelks (Linda Innes) Elected Chief Councillor and Board Chair of Gitxaala Enterprises Corporation (GECO)

“This agreement creates a historic pathway for Indigenous partnerships in Canada’s energy future. This partnership with LNG Canada aligns with Gitxaala’s values and together with our neighbouring Nations, we are showing what is possible when First Nations leadership, industry and governments work together with a shared vision grounded in consent, respect and partnership,” said Txa’gyet (Clarence Innis), Joint Committee Co-Chair, Lu Sa Hax Hoyaxgm Wil’nat’aał (LSHH).

LNG Canada is working towards growing Canada’s first large-scale LNG export facility in their proposed Phase 2 expansion and through this partnership, Gitxaala Nation ensured our communities, land, water and resources will continue to be protected according to Gitxaala’s adaawx (histories), ayaawx, (laws) and Gugwilx’ya’ansk (practices and inherited responsibilities) while creating opportunities for economic development and investing in future generations. By working together with neighbouring Nations on this agreement, it shows First Nations equity and ownership is integral to building strong relationships where our voices are heard, understood and respected.

“This agreement marks a new chapter for economic development in Gitxaala territory and nationally where First Nations are equity owners and true partners. We will always have a seat at the table on decisions affecting our lands, waters and future. We hope this agreement sets a new standard for how Indigenous Nations, industry and governments can work together to create lasting benefits for everyone,” Linda Innes said.

Gitxaala Nation looks forward to working with LNG Canada developing a shared vision of the future for Canada to be a leader in providing the world with secure and reliable energy.



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