



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING COLLABORATION AND SUPPORT BETWEEN THE FIRST NATIONS CLIMATE INITIATIVE AND HALFWAY RIVER FIRST NATION

### WHEREAS:

- A. The North Coast First Nation Climate Initiative (FNCI) is a collaboration of the Haisla Nation, the Nisga'a Nation and the Metlakatla First Nation (working with other First Nations, levels of government and nongovernmental stakeholder groups) on the development of climate change mitigation and adaptation policies that simultaneously reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) and strengthen First Nations economic self-determination including the development of net-zero LNG as a transition fuel in the development of a low carbon economy globally and locally; and
- B. The Halfway River First Nation is an Indigenous Nation in northern British Columbia that shares FNCI's concern with reducing GHGs and strengthening First Nation economic self-determination;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Parties hereby set out below their mutual understanding and commitments in respect of the ongoing collaboration among them within the scope of their respective mandates and visions:

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this MOU is to set out the Parties' commitment to collaborate with the aim of strengthening the FNCI Climate Action Plan and working towards the Parties' shared goals with respect to First Nations economic self-determination and climate change mitigation and adaptation.
2. **Objectives.** The Parties will support each other in achieving the purpose of this MOU by:
  - i) Exploring opportunities to engage in nature-based solutions and associated carbon projects within First Nations territories with the understanding that such opportunities may
    - A) expand the potential to provide financial protection to First Nations citizens;
    - B) further the effort to restore damaged ecosystems on lands within First Nations' territories; and
    - C) create benefits for First Nations citizens in the form of revenue, contracting opportunities, employment and increased capacity to exercise traditional environmental livelihoods;
  - ii) Considering engaging in mutually beneficial activities that would assist FNCI members to achieve net-zero emissions in proposed LNG projects through a combination of emission abatement strategies and carbon offsets undertaken in cooperation with the Halfway River First Nation; and

- iii) Exploring the possibility of developing an offset purchase agreement between or among the Parties in the future.
3. **Term and Termination.** This MOU will continue as of the Effective Date until otherwise terminated by a Party, such termination to be provided to the other Party by written notice thereof.
4. **Confidentiality.** None of the discussions, communications, documents or other materials exchanged between the Parties in respect of the implementation of this MOU will be considered confidential except where one of the Parties designates such discussions, communications, documents or other materials to be confidential in which case the Parties agree not to disclose such communications to any third party.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, each of the Parties hereto has caused this MOU to be executed and delivered by its duly authorized representative as of September 15, 2022 (Effective Date).

**THE NISGA'A NATION**

**Per:**



**President Clayton**

**HAISLA NATION**

**Per:**

  
**Chief Councillor Smith**

**HALFWAY FIRST NATION**

**Per:**



**Chief Darlene Hunter**