



## Project Phases and Scheduling

**Development of the proposed Mackenzie Gas Project is complex process that will take a coordinated and well-planned effort over several years to complete. If the Project proceeds as expected, natural gas production could start by 2010.**

There are potentially four phases to the Mackenzie Gas Project:

- Feasibility Study, which has been completed;
- Project Definition phase, which is currently under way;
- Construction; and
- Operation.

As part of the current Project Definition phase, Mackenzie Gas Project is engaging in ongoing public consultation to provide information and receive community feedback. Where possible, this feedback will be incorporated into Project planning. Technical studies and environmental fieldwork are being conducted to finalize the location of the pipeline and associated facilities. Along with this work, opportunities are being identified for education, training and employment programs for northern residents, as well as business opportunities for northern contractors and suppliers.

Applications for regulatory approvals are expected to be submitted in 2004. There will then be a coordinated regulatory review of the development proposal by northern and federal authorities.

At the end of the Project Definition phase, the project developers will reassess the project opportunity, taking into consideration all the factors that must be in place to support the Project. These include any conditions attached to the regulatory decision, development costs, fiscal and royalty regimes, as well as market and economic conditions.

A decision to proceed would advance the Project to the next phase, Construction, which would take up to four years. Most of the pipeline construction activities will occur during two consecutive winters, while some facilities construction activities may take place throughout the year.

Following construction and testing, the Project would move to the Operation phase. Business opportunities would continue if the availability of the pipeline encourages other companies to explore for and develop natural gas in the North.

## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PHASES

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### FEASIBILITY STUDY

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2000 to 2001



#### COMPLETED

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- concurrently assess external matters
- assess natural gas markets
- assess reserves
- little if any field work

### PROJECT DEFINITION

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3 to 4 Years



- engineering studies
- environmental field work
- public consultation
- northern benefits plan
- regulatory applications
- regulatory review process

### CONSTRUCTION

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3 to 4 Years

- detailed design of facilities
- drill wells
- purchase goods and services
- construct pipeline and facilities

 decision to prepare regulatory applications

 decision to construct

### OPERATION

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25+ Years

- gas sales
  - potential expansion
  - abandonment and reclamation
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