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Northwest Powerline Coalition

The Northwest Powerline Coalition today released its ***Delivering Green Power to Northern British Columbia***, an updated report based on a 2008 document by the Mining Association of BC. ***Delivering Green Power to Northern British Columbia*** provides a detailed and timely overview of the environmental and economic benefits the proposed powerline along the Highway 37 Corridor will have for northern BC, and all Canadians.

The global economic crisis, coupled with increasing concerns regarding climate change, and the availability of new information related to many projects and communities that will benefit from access to reliable power along the corridor, made it clear that an update of the report was extremely important.

Coalition Co-Chair and CEO of the Northern Development Initiative Trust, Janine North said, "The coalition advocates for a partnership funding strategy to develop the Highway 37 transmission corridor. The powerline will unleash economic growth and employment from new mine and power project developments in this resource rich area of BC."

Elmer Derrick, Chief, Treaty Negotiator of the Gitksan First Nation and Coalition Co-Chair, said, " We are very pleased that the BC Government has committed \$10 million to complete the environmental assessment process for the powerline, and has committed a further \$250 million to construct the line if additional partners can be secured." Derrick went on to say, "The powerline will provide a training and employment platform that offers local First Nations the ability to build transferable employment skills and improve the living conditions in their communities."

The immediate greenhouse gas emission reduction from the shutdown of current diesel generation combined with the estimated avoided emissions from the generation of green energy of approved and licensed run-of-river projects from Terrace to Dease Lake is 208,000 tonnes of CO₂ per year, or the equivalent of almost 35,000 cars. Emissions avoided by powering all potential mining projects off the powerline grid instead of diesel, which is the only current alternative, would exceed 3.7 million tonnes of CO₂ per year or the equivalent of removing 629,000 cars from the road.

Governments around the world are dedicating significant capital to support infrastructure projects, such as the Highway 37 powerline, that are shovel-ready to provide local employment and economic stimulus, and which encourage new capital investment.

Click title to read full report: [***Delivering Green Power to Northern British Columbia: A discussion on the benefits of a new power transmission line to Northern British Columbia***](#)

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The Northwest Power Coalition

The Northwest Power Coalition is a volunteer grass roots organization representing 74 active member groups including 49 communities and Regional Districts, First Nations Leadership and joint venture businesses, the Association for Mineral Exploration BC, the Mining Association of BC and the Northern Development Initiative Trust. In addition the coalition includes mining and independent power producers, major national and international consulting firms, Chambers of Commerce, Alaskan boroughs (communities) and several Alaskan independent power producers.

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