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Joint Statement K'łpaqcinxn, Adam Eneas, Hereditary Chief (qaʔłyilmixwm) of Snpinktn, Okanagan of the Syilx speaking people and Nk'lxwcin, Chad Eneas, Chief (yilmixwm) for Penticton Indian Band.

- Heredity Chief K'łpaqcinxn communicated with Hereditary Chief Namox, of the Wet'suwet'en.
- Today Chief K'łpaqcinxn and Penticton Indian Band Chief Nklxwcin, Chad Eneas announce this joint statement that they stand in solidarity with the Hereditary Chiefs of the Wet'suwet'en in the protection and defense of their unceded territory.
- In this joint statement we wish to make clear we stand in unity on issues of jurisdiction over traditional territory and decision making. As Okanagan Syilx nation hereditary and elected leadership from Snpinktn, we fully recognize the divide and conquer tactics of the Province of BC and Canada in support of the resource extraction industry to unlawfully move unto Wet'suwet'en traditional territory without their consent and which constitutes unlawful invasion of Wet'suwet'en Nation's un-ceded territory.
- We understand that each clan within the Wet'suwet'en Nation have full jurisdiction under their law to control access to their territory. Under 'Anuc niwh'it'en (Wet'suwet'en law) all five clans of the Wet'suwet'en have unanimously opposed all pipeline proposals and have not provided consent to Coastal Gaslink/ TransCanada to do work on Wet'suwet'en lands. The Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs are title holders and govern access to their traditional lands. By trespassing on Wet'suwet'en traditional lands, CGL has infringed on Canadian and international law and has compromised sites central to the spiritual and cultural well-being of Wet'suwet'en people.
- We understand that contrary to recent statements by Premier John Horgan, Coastal Gaslink (CGL) does not have its final permits to proceed with pipeline construction. CGL is required to submit a report to the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) addressing the impacts of the project and its proposed mitigation measures. The report is incomplete, as CGL failed to consider or even mention the Unist'ot'en Healing Centre. As a result, Unist'ot'en has requested that the EAO continue to withhold final permits for construction. We understand that the Unistoten homestead has been a Wetsuweten traditional village site for countless generations. The

Unistoten homestead continues to represent the rights of the Wetsuweten Nation to exercise their authority over their un-ceded traditional homelands.

- From our united stand, we are clear that the jurisdiction and authority of traditional hereditary leadership for the protection of our sktr'ripla? nal i? stəltaltət, our title and rights throughout i? tmxwulaxwtət, our unceded territory. The protection of our territory syilx language, our Syilx knowledge, our cultural and spiritual traditions and our way of life, are represented through our leadership, both traditional and contemporary. We understand as the Syilx People that the Province of BC and Canada have actively encroached onto Syilx traditional territory despite our constant resistance to this unlawful encroachment onto syilx un-ceded territory, these government sponsored incursions continue.
- We call on the people of Canada and the Province of BC to join in solidarity with the Hereditary Chiefs of the Wet'suwet'en, and respond to their calls for support. We call on them to remind their leaders of the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, and the signing of UNDRIP as well as the passing of it into legislation by the Province of BC. Remind them that the National and Provincial intent to heal the colonial scars of past government genocidal record against Indigenous nations, are hollow lies in the face of the blatant invasive action of BC and Canada by the unlawful invasion of the Wet'suwet'en's un-ceded territory.