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### ***Proposed Bruderheim Sulphur Forming and Shipping Facility***

Alberta Sulphur Terminals (AST), a division of HAZCO Environmental Services and CCS Income Trust (CCS), is proposing to construct and operate a sulphur forming and shipping facility in the Bruderheim area. This Volume II newsletter is part of AST's ongoing commitment to provide community members and area residents with information about the proposed Project.

Topics addressed in this newsletter include:

- an update on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) public consultation activities to date;
- the community meeting held on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007 at the Lamont Recreation Center to discuss the possible formation of a community consultation committee; and
- the current status of the EIA.

### ***Update on EIA Consultation Activities June – December 2006***

AST/HAZCO and WorleyParsons Komex have undertaken a number of consultation activities over the past several months. These activities focused on soliciting views about the Project and Alberta Environment's Draft EIA Terms of Reference from all stakeholders.

The activities to date include:

- **June 2006, Open House:** held by AST/HAZCO and WorleyParsons Komex introducing the EIA process;
- **October 2006, Information Package:** *The Public Disclosure Document, Draft EIA Terms of Reference, Appendix II: Stakeholder Comments and Concerns* and, the *Environmental Impact Assessment – Questions and Answers fact sheet* was mailed to all stakeholders;
- **November 2006, One-on-One Visits** were conducted with key stakeholders;
- **November – December 2006, Phone Calls** to all other area stakeholders who submitted statements of concern and/or interest to Alberta Environment; and
- **December 2006,** The AST Newsletter – Volume I – December 2006 was mailed to all stakeholders.

## **Current Consultation Activities:**

Through our discussions with area stakeholders, we identified a strong desire for more ongoing information about the Project. In addition to support for establishing a periodic newsletter, stakeholders also expressed a keen interest in exploring the establishment of a community consultation committee to enhance additional communication activities.

### **January – February 2007**

- Follow-up phone calls were conducted with:
  - all those that expressed an interest in exploring the idea of the formation of a community consultation committee; and
  - any additional potentially interested parties as identified by RMC & Associates.
- A meeting was held on January 31, 2007 at the Lamont Recreation Center to explore the idea of forming an AST/Community EIA Consultation Committee.
- This AST Newsletter – Volume II – March 2007 was mailed to all stakeholders.

## **Proposed AST/Community EIA Consultation Committee Meeting**

On January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007 a meeting was held at the Lamont Recreation Center to explore the concept of forming a locally – based consultation committee. Despite the snowy weather, a total of 41 people attended the meeting. Attendance was comprised of two representatives from AST/HAZCO, Mr. Gordon Johnson with WorleyParsons Komex, (the environmental firm retained to conduct the EIA), Rob McManus and Susan Davis Schuetz with RMC & Associates, and 36 members of the community.

The objectives of the meeting were to:

- collectively explore ideas on future EIA communication and consultation processes, and;
- possibly initiate and develop a longer term AST/Community EIA Consultation Committee process.

The proposed AST/Community EIA Consultation Committee would be a voluntary participation group with no legal or regulatory status. The aim of the committee would be to provide advice to AST/HAZCO and WorleyParsons Komex about how communication to local residents and other interested stakeholders could be enhanced concerning the EIA studies. It would operate on a consensus – based approach to identify ways of communicating information more effectively. Based on both the written comments from the feedback forms handed out at the meeting and verbal feedback to date, most meeting participants expressed support for forming a local committee.

Questions were raised at the meeting regarding how the committee's activities would be resourced. AST/HAZCO has responded that they would be prepared to consider requests from the committee for funding a technical review of any of the studies completed. A determination of where such technical reviews would assist in addressing community issues and technical understanding would have to be determined on a case-by-case basis and would be examined by both AST/HAZCO and the committee.

Given the level of interest expressed by community members to date, AST/HAZCO, WorleyParsons Komex and RMC & Associates will be moving forward with the process of establishing this committee so that it has sufficient time to get organized in order to provide advice on EIA studies when they become available.

If you are interested in the committee process and/or would like a feedback form, please contact one of the following:

- Sylvia Holowach, AST/HAZCO at 780-895-2570 or at ***sholowach@hazco.com***
- Susan Davis Schuetz, RMC & Associates at 403-701-8018 or at ***sdavisschuetz@shaw.ca***
- Rob McManus, RMC & Associates at 403-262-3336 or at ***rob-mcmanus@shaw.ca***

In follow-up to a number of questions arising at the meeting in reference to the EIA process, RMC & Associates has forwarded a letter requesting that Alberta Environment and the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) organize an independent meeting to discuss the regulatory process.

For additional information about Alberta Environment's EIA process please visit the following websites:

- <http://www3.gov.ab.ca/env/protenf/assessment/EIAProcess.jpg>
- <http://www3.gov.ab.ca/env/protenf/assessment/pub/EAProcessGuide.pdf>
- <http://www3.gov.ab.ca/env/protenf/approvals/factsheets/approv.html>

In response to questions regarding the current status of the EIA, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Mann informed the meeting attendees that:

- The studies addressing the Draft Terms of Reference are in various stages of completion with anticipated completion in March or April of 2007.
- Alberta Environment is currently in the process of completing the Final Terms of Reference for the Project. They will be made available to the public in the very near future.
- The EIA Report will be a public document and as such will be available to the public once it has been filed. The timing is dependent on the Final Terms of Reference and assurance of sufficient time for stakeholder review and response.

The EIA Report is expected to be a very lengthy document. Recognizing that there will be significant public interest in the EIA Report, a number of potential opportunities to make it available have been identified. AST/HAZCO and WorleyParsons Komex will rely on advice from the committee and Alberta Environment as to how best to make the document available but options could include the following:

- HAZCO website – [www.hazco.com](http://www.hazco.com)
- A copy will be available for viewing at the local AST/HAZCO office – 5125 - 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Lamont, AB.
- A copy will be available for viewing at the Town of Bruderheim Administration office – 5017 – Queen Street, (Main Street) Bruderheim, AB.
- A copy will be available for viewing at both the Town of Lamont and Lamont County Administration offices – 5303 – 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Main Street) Lamont, AB.
- Make the EIA Report available on CD or DVD to interested parties.

A copy of the January 31, 2007 DRAFT meeting notes along with a copy of the power point presentation have been posted on the HAZCO website at [www.hazco.com](http://www.hazco.com)

Please contact any of the following for more information about these topics:

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**Thank You**

**AST/HAZCO appreciates your ongoing interest in the proposed Project.**