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Community Update

# Kyah Resources Inc.

#### WHO WE ARE

Kyah Resources Inc. is a dynamic and innovative natural resource management and civil construction company owned by Witset First Nation in partnership with the ROGA Group. With community development as its core tenant, Kyah operates on an equity-building model, ensuring that economic success is shared with the Witset First Nation community.

#### **OUR PEOPLE**

Kyah is committed to enhancing Witset First Nation's economic vitality. Having employed 83 Indigenous individuals to date, Kyah prioritizes growth through direct community hires. Kyah is poised to continue being a leader in Indigenous workforce empowerment, with 63% of the workforce being Indigenous.

#### SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Kyah is proud to offer employees valuable training opportunities that enhance employment opportunities within the industry, thus benefiting the workforce as a whole. With employee development and growth as a company value, Kyah provides employees with necessary skill training to open doors for upward mobility and career security.

#### **DIVERSIFIED OPERATIONS**

With project management and construction services spanning several sectors in the natural resources industry (oil and gas, mining, utilities, and forestry), Kyah is proud to be an industry leader in a broad range of services including timber harvesting, clearing, grubbing and stripping, as well as providing various earthworks, road building and maintenance, reclamation and remediation, and pipeline integrity services.



Indigenous Employees hired to date

\$9.4M

In wages disbursed to Indigenous employees

63%

**Of workforce is Indigenous** 

\$13.8M

Financial contribution back to Witset First Nation

# **Project Highlights**

CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS

#### PIPELINE INTEGRITY AND MAINTENANCE MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT

Kyah's strong history of integrity pipeline digs in the northern interior has secured a Master Services Agreement with TC Energy for their CoastalGaslink Pipeline. As one of three successful proponents between Dawson Creek and Kitimat selected to provide pipeline integrity services, Kyah will perform careful excavation to expose pipe for designated maintenance work. Additionally, This agreement expects that Kyah will also carry out ROW access and other general maintenance for TC Energy. Operations are expected to begin in the early summer of 2024.

Aligning with organizational goals of Indigenous workforce empowerment, this agreement will provide job opportunities for Witset First Nation members and neighboring communities. Through training opportunities, Kyah will further develop the employees' transferable skills and increase community members' opportunities for secure, rewarding careers. The agreement will enhance Kyah's regional presence and utilize Kyah's supply of equipment.



#### Anticipated openings for permanent jobs

#### BULKLEY RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Kyah has secured an award leading to contracts of over \$3M to to replace the Bulkley River Bridge and began clearing work on the area in December, 2023. After a pause in operations, clearing is expected to finish in next quarter. Working in tandem with the office of Wet'suwet'en, the project will result in improved highway access to the Suskwa FSR, safer travel routes for community members, and enhanced protection to the Suskwa River. After clearing the site, highway improvement work is scheduled for 2025, with the bridge. spanning 100+ meters, set to be replaced in 2026.

#### FORESTRY

Canfor has announced a landmark investment of over \$200 million into rebuilding the Houston mill. With this investment, Kyah should be harvesting and delivering 250,000 cubic meters of timber by late 2026. With Kyah poised to gradually take over forestry services from Canfor on a community-owned license, the Witset First Nation and neighbouring communities are anticipated to receive significant economic benefits through Kyah forestry operations' subsequent increase in employment opportunities.

Kyah is excited to continue working with Canfor in the forestry sector.

### **Transforming Resources, Empowering Our Community**

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#### **BC HYDRO SUBSTATION: PHASE 1**

Kyah Resources Inc. secured a multi-stage contract totaling over \$3 million from BC Hydro as the prime contractor to clear and construct tower foundations for their new substation in the Telkwa area. The project is divided into three phases and is expected to be completed in the fall of 2024, with significant economic impacts for the Witset First Nation community.

Currently in the project's first phase, Kyah is focused on clearing the site of debris for a transmission line realignment. Clearing includes log hauling and grinding waste wood for transport out of the site. The second phase is projected to commence in April, 2024, where Kyah will construct the tower's concrete foundations. The project's final phase will see the hanging of connective wires between the tower and substation.

The project emphasizes Kyah's prioritization of meaningful relationships, as our flourishing partnership with BC Hydro continues to provide training opportunities for our employees and continued economic benefits for Witset First Nation.

#### **COASTAL GASLINK (CGL) SITE RECLAMATION**

Ongoing land reclamation work on the CGL pipeline in Wet'suwet'en territory has been paused for the winter season, with operations projected to activate again in the next quarter. Land reclamation work has included debris and waste removal, erosion control, soil quality enhancement, and the relaying of stockpiled top soil to treat the land. Hydroseed has been applied to the treated soil, with grass expecting to be visible with advent of the spring season.

Projected to be completed in 2024, the project has further strengthened our partnership with TC Energy through shared organization values of land sustainability practices and environmental stewardship.

#### TC ENERGY / LEDCOR MLVB SNOW CLEARING

Over the winter season, Kyah has been monitoring TC Energy / Ledcor sites from Fort St. James to Parrot Lake and clearing snow when needed to ensure that CGL is able to quickly and safely access the sites in case of environmental emergencies. This work is expected to conclude as spring approaches.

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# Acknowledgements

We extend our deepest gratitude to the Witset First Nation community, Chief, and Council for their unwavering support and trust in our endeavors. Your guidance and partnership have been instrumental in our success and growth. We also sincerely thank our clients, who have stood by us, valuing our commitment to quality and excellence. Your confidence in our work fuels our drive to deliver outstanding results. Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated employees, whose hard work and commitment are the backbone of our company. Your tireless efforts and skillful execution on every project make all our achievements possible. Together, we continue to build a legacy of success and community development.





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