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Provincial natural gas strategy will help build construction jobs

Direct, indirect employment will help industry build B.C.'s economy

(February 3, 2012 - Vancouver) The Independent Contractors and Businesses Association of B.C. is welcoming the provincial government's release today of twin strategies for tapping into the province's natural gas and liquid natural gas potential.

"Thanks to the global economic challenges, construction today has 10,000 fewer jobs than it did at the peak in 2008," said ICBA President Philip Hochstein. "Today's plans have the potential to boost construction – and bring us back to the record employment we had during the run-up to the Olympics."

When the three LNG plants targeted in the plan are built, construction will see an estimated 9,000 new jobs.

"Building these plants is just the start – the foundation, you might say. Spin-off construction in the north – for supporting businesses, for independent power producers, and for housing – will put plenty of construction workers on the job," Hochstein said. "These plans have the potential to unleash construction and strengthen B.C.'s economy. The construction industry is looking forward to getting on the job and making this vision a reality."

About ICBA (www.icba.ca) *The Independent Contractors and Businesses Association of B.C. services and represents B.C.'s construction sector. ICBA's 1,100 members build in the multi-family residential and Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) construction sectors and are involved in virtually all major capital projects in British Columbia.*

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