Construction Update
At the Ridley Island Propane Export Terminal (RIPET) Project site, construction is well underway with the majority of the work focused on the propane tank. AltaGas is using its self-perform model, a model that the company has been successfully using to build other major energy infrastructure projects on time and on budget. AltaGas is working with J. Phoenix, HYDUKE, GEA and Technodyne to build the tank.

Crews are currently working to pour the concrete outer wall of the propane tank, with the sixth of eight concrete pours completed and the final pour scheduled for near the end of 2017. Fabrication of the inner steel tank roof is underway and installation of the inner steel tank has begun.

There are approximately 220 workers committed to the project, with the site averaging 120 workers per day depending on the scope of work. Approximately 61 percent of the construction workforce is made up of local contractors, community members and First Nations.

The balance of plant fabrication and civil work is on track and the first modules are scheduled to arrive in the first quarter of 2018. The Ridley Island Propane Export Facility is expected to be in-service in the first quarter of 2019.

AltaGas and Astomos Sign Milestone Agreement
On August 1, 2017 a signing ceremony was held at AltaGas’ headquarters between AltaGas Ltd. and Astomos Energy Corporation of Japan to conclude the sale and purchase agreement for Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) from the Ridley Island Propane Export Terminal.

Astromos, one of the world’s largest LPG players, will purchase 50 percent of the 1.2 million tonnes of propane shipped from the Terminal each year, beginning in Q1 2019.

The long-term agreement will provide producers in northeast B.C. with new access to premium markets in Asia for their propane.

Environmental Update
Currently all work programs underway and planned for the 2018 season are completed and accepted by the regulatory agencies.
B.C. Premier Tours Project Site
On October 22, AltaGas’ president and CEO hosted a tour of the Ridley Island Propane Export Terminal Project for its key project stakeholders including B.C. Premier John Horgan; Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Michelle Mungall; MLA Jennifer Rice; the Mayor of the Lax Kw’alaams John Helin; the Mayor of Prince Rupert, Lee Brain; the Mayor of Port Edward, Dave MacDonald, and International Longshore & Warehouse Union Canada President, Rob Ashton.

Visitors received a tour of the propane storage tank currently under construction and an update on the project by AltaGas Project Manager, James Yanner.

Safety First – Do the Right Thing
The motto—Do the Right Thing—is having a powerful impact on everyone involved in the Project, from the workers on the ground to the decision makers. The motto is guiding the development strategy and the day-to-day work ethic to ensure success in each of the Project’s six major focus areas: Safety, Environment, Quality, Schedule, Cost and Community Relations.

Every employee is challenged to Do the Right Thing to ensure the Project crosses the finish line with integrity while demonstrating AltaGas’ commitment to building a project in a safe, environmentally responsible and sustainable way.

Construction is progressing on time and on budget, in compliance with all governing rules and regulations, while respecting neighbouring communities by minimizing the impacts of project work.

Operator Training Program
AltaGas is proceeding with an Operator Training Program designed to provide First Nations and local community members the opportunity to access technical training needed to apply for entry level operator positions at the Ridley Island Propane Export Facility.

AltaGas is committed to hiring locally and understands that training is the gateway to achieving long-term, career-oriented and meaningful jobs at RIPET. Program information sessions and recruitment details will be announced in early 2018.

AltaGas Supports the North Coast Transition Society
The City of Prince Rupert, in partnership with the Province and the North Coast Transition Society (NCTS) recently opened an extreme weather shelter in Prince Rupert.

The shelter is open from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., and provides a light meal.

AltaGas has made a $10,000 donation to support the NCTS’s extreme weather shelter.

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