



September 18, 2023

Dear Mr. Kravis, Mr. Roberts, executives, partners and directors at Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co,

We are chiefs of the Wet'suwet'en Nation, appointed by our house groups and clans to protect land, air, water and the security and wellbeing of all people on our Yintah. Our territory spans 8,500 square miles in the north of what you know as British Columbia, and has never been surrendered through treaty or war.

As owners of the Coastal GasLink pipeline project, we hold you responsible for the actions of CGL, its subsidiaries and contractors on our land. As we have extensively documented, these harms include severe and ongoing damage to waterways, salmon and other wildlife populations, forests, sacred historical and cultural sites and our people themselves.

Under the direction of KKR Global Institute chairman David Petraeus, your company is also responsible for the military-style counterinsurgency campaign waged by your private security contractors, Crown prosecutors and police against our clan members, allies and guests. These warlike actions are not acceptable on Wet'suwet'en territory.

Our Anuk nu'at'en predates the founding of the U.S.A. or Canada. These ancient laws remain in effect through the unbroken exercise of our governance through the bahtlats and clan system, of which we are the rightful representatives. Our title was recognized in the 1997 *Delgamuukw and Gisday'wa* Supreme Court decision, and our authority is affirmed by the governments of B.C. and Canada.

Under our laws you are trespassing against the Wet'suwet'en people, knowingly and with disregard for the harms to our world and way of life. After deliberation in the feast hall, our five clans unanimously rejected Coastal GasLink's current route through our territories, issuing a trespass warning that was widely publicized before your acquisition of the CGL project.

We did offer an alternate route through previously disturbed ground, in order to safeguard the integrity of pristine portions of our territory. That offer was rejected and the damage is now occurring. It will take years to fully assess the impacts to wild salmon populations and other sensitive, interrelated parts of our ecosystem. Trespassing is a grave crime in Wet'suwet'en culture, and must be remedied in three stages:

1. Repair, where possible, of damage done
2. Compensation to the people affected
3. Departure of the offending party

We invite you to discuss with us your plan to repair what you can, compensate our people and leave our Yintah.

In our kungax (histories) there are many precedents in which foreign raiders and war chiefs crossed our boundary lines and tried to steal our land or resources. In every case they were held responsible, and balance was restored. That is why the Wet'suwet'en are still here. You are part of our history now, but you have a choice about how that story ends.

You do not hold any territories that we want, any fishing stations or traplines, crests or regalia, dances or songs that have any value to us. Money cannot fully repair our food security, the integrity of our Yintah or the damage done to our culture and people throughout this painful conflict. But it is the only means you have to settle what you owe to the Wet'suwet'en people.

As construction of the Coastal GasLink pipeline carries forward we will continue to assess our losses, in consultation with our clan members, under the guidance of our matriarchs and elders.

When you are ready to come to the Wiggus table (the place for dialogue), please contact us to begin negotiations.

Respectfully,

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Woos, chief of Cas Yikh, Gidimt'en clan

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Na'moks, chief of Tsa K'en yex, Tsayu clan