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## ABORIGINAL PIPELINE GROUP WELCOMES STATEMENT BY MINISTER PRENTICE ON THE MACKENZIE GAS PROJECT

**Inuvik, NT (January 21, 2009)** – Aboriginal Pipeline Group (APG) Chairman Fred Carmichael announced today that the APG welcomes the official statement issued by Minister Prentice as “very positive news that the Government of Canada recognizes the Mackenzie Gas Project (MGP) as a necessary step to defining the economic and social potential of Canada’s North”.

Mr. Carmichael stated; “In light of the current economic downturn, this statement, coupled with the MGM Energy Corp.’s Natural Gas Discovery announcement, brings welcome news to a struggling northern economy that sees the Project as a much-needed boost to its economic woes”.

“Not only will this Project help southern Canada, with thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars revenue from manufacturing, and tens of millions of dollars of royalty payment to the Federal Government, but the north will benefit in a number of areas which is greatly needed during this time of economic downturn,” said Mr. Carmichael. “These include:

- Training
- Employment
- Long-term jobs
- Business opportunities”

The Ministers statement was in response to the MGP Proponents presentation to the Minister (in December of 2007) to restructure the Project’s ownership. In closing Mr. Carmichael stated;” This statement is a welcome opportunity to renew discussions with the Federal Government, ensuring we will be ready when the Joint Review Panel (JRP) issues its final report”.

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