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## **KINDER MORGAN AND LINE 3 WILL NEVER SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY SAY OVER 100 FIRST NATIONS AND TRIBES**

**November 29, 2016, Winnipeg/Treaty 1**—In response to today’s approval of the Kinder Morgan and Enbridge Line 3 tar sands pipelines, the Treaty Alliance, made up of over 100 First Nations and Tribes, said neither pipeline will see the light of day, just like Enbridge’s Northern Gateway tar sands pipeline.

Also today, the international [Treaty Alliance Against Tar Sands Expansion](#) held another ceremonial signing (hosted by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs with special guest Dr. David Suzuki in Winnipeg, Manitoba in Treaty 1 Territory) and now counts over 100 First Nations and Tribes formally agreeing to stand together to stop tar sands pipelines.

“Let’s be clear, this is about our survival. This is about protecting our home, on Burrard Inlet and on the planet,” said Rueben George, Manager of the Sacred Trust Initiative of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation. “We’re going to stop Kinder Morgan by working together. This is everyone’s problem. Trudeau’s permits are worthless without our consent.”

“As the Harper government discovered, there’s a vast difference between approving a tar sands pipeline and actually getting it built,” said Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs. “There are now 100 First Nations and Tribes across North America who have joined the Treaty Alliance and thousands of allies that are ready to do whatever it takes to stop these pipelines.”

“Rejecting an already dead Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline while approving two new massive tar sands pipelines is a far cry from the climate leadership the world needs,” said Grand Chief Derek Nepinak of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs. “Just as Indigenous Peoples are showing unwavering strength down at Standing Rock, our peoples are not afraid and are ready to do what needs to be done to stop the pipelines and protect our water and our next generations.”

“At this historically critical time when human civilization is on the brink of climate disaster, we have no choice but to do things differently – that means looking to Indigenous wisdom and teachings, but also Indigenous leadership,” said Dr. David Suzuki after attending the ceremonial Treaty Alliance signing. “Indigenous Peoples did not get us into this mess, but fights like Standing Rock and the Treaty Alliance’s fight against Tar Sands expansion are showing us the way out.”

While the unacceptable risks and dangers of the Kinder Morgan pipeline are well known, the Enbridge Line 3 project has flown under the radar due to a campaign of misinformation by Enbridge. The company falsely describes the Line 3 project as a mere “replacement” project, but the company is actually replacing an old line, which could transport only 390,000 barrels of conventional oil a day, with a brand new line which has much greater capacity and which follows a different route. According to page 8-3 of Enbridge’s [Certificate of Need Application](#) for the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, this new line will have the capacity to transport 915,000 barrels of dilbit Tar Sands oil a day (not the number of 760,000 bpd cited in Enbridge’s application to the National Energy Board) – a difference of 525,000 barrels (the same amount of

Tar Sands dilbit that would have been transported by the Northern Gateway pipeline). An increase in capacity of 525,000 barrels a day would allow for a major expansion of the Alberta Tar Sands and constitute a major setback in the world's attempt to avoid a climate catastrophe.

“Enbridge is not fooling anyone by calling it a ‘replacement’ pipeline: Line 3 is a new pipeline through a new route that we have been fighting a long time and will continue to fight because it threatens our water and our lands, including our sacred wild rice watershed,” said Chairman Terrence “Terry” Tibbetts of the White Earth Nation in Minnesota. “Line 3 needs to be repaired and then shut down and cleaned up – we don’t need more toxic tar sands – we need less.”

“It was the power of the ‘Save the Fraser’ Indigenous alliance, based on our own laws and jurisdiction, that successfully stopped the Northern Gateway pipeline and we will stand with our brother and sisters in the Treaty Alliance to stop all these other tar sands pipelines like Kinder Morgan and Line 3,” said Tribal Chief Terry Teegee of the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council. “Even though we made sure our lands would be safe from a Northern Gateway spill, we remain under the grave threat of the climate change effects that would be unleashed by Kinder Morgan and Line 3.”

The Union of BC Indian Chiefs have started a campaign called Coast Protectors where over 4,000 people have already pledged to protect the coast from the Kinder Morgan pipeline and tanker project, including in support of the Treaty Alliance. Information at:

[www.coastprotectors.ca](http://www.coastprotectors.ca)

All of the information on the Treaty is available at [www.treatyalliance.org](http://www.treatyalliance.org)

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