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Heritage reclamation at Bethune site complete; First Nations Monitors and Elders continue to consult on remainder of project

TransGas, the pipeline subsidiary of SaskEnergy, today announced that the archaeological analysis and soil reclamation are complete at the site near Bethune, Saskatchewan where ancient human remains were discovered during pipeline construction on October 15, 2013.

Both the archaeological work and the soil reclamation process were done in consultation with Elders and cultural monitors from Carry the Kettle First Nation, local landowners and staff from the Heritage Conservation Branch of the Government of Saskatchewan. No further significant ancient remains or artifacts were discovered in the soil originally disturbed along the pipeline right-of-way.

Elders and cultural monitors from Carry the Kettle First Nation will continue as heritage consultants for the remainder of the TransGas pipeline project to supply natural gas service to the new K+S potash mine site. Now that the reclamation process is complete, TransGas is using trenchless technology to install the pipeline 30 to 150 feet below the surface of the north slope of the Qu'Appelle Valley, so as not to further disturb the site.

“Elders and monitors from Carry the Kettle First Nation have played an important role in assisting TransGas to properly and respectfully conduct an analysis and restoration of the disturbed soil near Bethune, ,” said Doug Kelln, President and Chief Executive Officer of SaskEnergy/TransGas. “I also want to thank local landowners for their co-operation and understanding during the archaeological examination and soil reclamation process.”

The Heritage Conservation Branch is overseeing all materials recovered at the Bethune site. For additional details on these remains, please contact Chelsea Coupal, Communications Branch, Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sports, at (306) 787-5781.

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