JPMORGAN CHASE INCREASES CREDIT TO TRANSCANADA SUBSIDIARY BUILDING COASTAL GASLINK AND KEYSTONE XL PIPELINES

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Last month, two lines of credit to TransCanada subsidiaries were set to expire — totalling USD $1.5 billion, a quarter of TransCanada’s credit available for general corporate purposes.1

These included a $1 billion loan to TransCanada Pipeline USA Ltd and a $500 million loan to Transcanada American Investment Ltd, both led by JPMorgan Chase, Bank of Montreal, and Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG). Other lenders included Bank of America, Barclays, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC), Citigroup, Crédit Agricole, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, Export Development Canada, HSBC, Mizuho Financial Group, National Bank of Canada, Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), Scotiabank, Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group (SMFG), Toronto-Dominion Bank (TD), and Wells Fargo.

In the past, upon reaching their maturity dates, both of these lines of credit have been extended. This year, however they were not. Instead, they were replaced by two new loans to TransCanada, totalling $5.5 billion — making for a two thirds increase in TransCanada’s total available credit.

JPMorgan Chase acted as the lead agent in these two new loans. Other participants include Bank of Montreal, CIBC, Citi, Deutsche Bank, HSBC, MUFG, RBC, Scotiabank, SMFG, and TD, though the full lender list is not disclosed.

This massive financial support will allow for the continued construction of incredibly dangerous projects — TransCanada’s Coastal Gaslink and Keystone XL pipelines — that will not only exacerbate our climate change crisis but are also currently driving Indigenous rights violations.”

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1. All amounts in this document are in USD.