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Statement of Solidarity with Land Defenders in Lhudis Bin Territory

The Department of Indigenous Studies condemns state and corporate acts against the Gidimt'en people and allied Land Defenders in Lhudis Bin territory. The Community Industry Response Group (CIRG), CSIS, and "security" firms authorized by Coastal GasLink/LNG Canada continue to repeatedly target, abuse, and criminalize Indigenous individuals living with their families, in their hereditary and traditional lands.

Compelling documented evidence and witness statements*** prove that recent violence and intimidation against Indigenous communities, including Elders, women, children, and men, have intensified in Gidimt'en territory. Those directly responsible for the repeated violence, now ongoing for months, include publicly elected officials and appointed leaders, corporate actors, and their militarized security and police forces. We condemn all acts and actors, at all levels of society, who repeatedly harass, terrorize, threaten, assault, invade and/or imprison Indigenous peoples who are living peacefully in their sovereign homelands.

We call on the Premier and the BC government to immediately cease construction of the

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