8.0 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The environmental study involved undertaking an inventory of physical, natural and socio-economic features within the study area. This information was used to produce maps identifying features/areas that could be sensitive to pipeline construction, which aided in the identification of alternative routes. Alternative routes were then compared and a Preferred Route selected that minimized environmental and socio-economic impacts in a cost-effective manner. Public involvement played an important role in this process.

Detailed information was collected and reviewed along the Preferred Route at a scale of 1:4,000.

Mitigative measures were prescribed to ensure negative impacts to the environment are minimized. These recommendations, in combination with UK Construction Specification Manual, should effectively serve to protect environmental features along the Preferred Route. The mitigation recommendations contained in the Environmental Report, along with the UK construction policies, should be included in the contract specifications. Use of a qualified Environmental Inspector will ensure minimal disturbance to the local environment during pipeline construction activities.

Lastly, incorporation of a post-construction monitoring and environmental inspection program will ensure that the Preferred Route is returned to pre-construction conditions.