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# CFO's Soliloquy

"To hedge, or not to hedge? that is the question

Whether 'tis nobler in your bank account to suffer

The pain and losses of outrageous oil prices, interest rates and currency fluctuations

Or to take out hedging contracts

And thus end or, at the very least, contain them"



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# N3TC Hedging Strategy Background

#### 1. At Financial Close

Bitumen Exposure : Lump Sum Contracts

Interest Rate Exposure : Fixed Rate Debt

**CPI Linked Debt** 

EIB Loan

EIB Loan : Currency and Interest Rate Swap

#### 2. Fast Forward

- Contractor incurs heavy losses during ICW
  - Bitumen costs a significant contributor
- Settlement Agreement : 2005
  - N3TC releases contractor from its obligations

### 3. N3TC has risk of contract price fluctuations

Determined to have protection against exposure



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# N3TC Hedging Strategy Implementation

- 1. Hedging Strategy developed in 2006
  - Financial and Commodity Hedges
  - Approved by Board
- 2. Commodity Hedges taken out
  - Cap Options
- 3. Preference Share Issue: 2008
  - Dividend linked to JIBAR
  - Seven Year Cap Options
- 4. Hedges actively managed
- 5. Objectives achieved
  - Protection
  - Bottom Line Improvement

