



**Oral Presentation**

**Exposé oral**

**Written submission from  
Taryn Roske**

**Mémoire de  
Taryn Roske**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

**Cameco Corporation,  
Cigar Lake Operation**

**Cameco Corporation,  
établissement de Cigar Lake**

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Application for the renewal of Cameco's  
uranium mine licence for the Cigar Lake  
Operation

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Demande de renouvellement du permis de mine  
d'uranium de Cameco pour l'établissement de  
Cigar Lake

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March 17, 2021

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Senior Tribunal Officer:

My name is Taryn Roske and I have the opportunity to be the first ever female Jet Boring Systems (JBS) operator when production resumes at the Cigar Lake Operation.

I was born and raised in La Ronge, Saskatchewan and I am a member of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band. After high-school, I took the Geological Technician course that was offered in my community. This was my first experience with mining. My placement was at Cameco's Rabbit Lake Operation and this was an eye-opening experience. When I completed school, I knew I wanted to pursue a career in mining.

In 2010, I started my career with Cameco. I wanted to work for Cameco because I have family members who work in the industry and speak highly of their time with the organization. Also, I have always been so proud that Cameco supports its employees and northern Saskatchewan communities. I was hired as a full-time Radiation Technician at Rabbit Lake and took on the job training. I progressed quickly and soon found myself in an intermediate technician role. After six and a half years at the site, I became a junior mine technician until the site moved into a safe state of care and maintenance in 2016. I took a maternity leave position at Key Lake shortly before I took a full-time Radiation Technician position at the Cigar Lake Operation in 2018. It was not long before I was promoted to senior technician. I worked hard and made a good impression. I was encouraged by my peers at the site to continue to progress. Cameco has allowed me to realize my goals and I have been given the opportunity to be the first female JBS operator in the entire world.

For my entire life, I have struggled with my identity. It was not until adulthood that I have really embraced being a mixed-race person. I am so honoured that I get to be a positive role model for young Indigenous people and women of all races in the mining industry, which has traditionally been male dominated.

I have faced challenges as a woman in mining, but I have never let that stop me. I do my best to hold my head high and prove that I am capable of doing whatever I put my mind to. One of the biggest struggles is with proper fitting personal protective equipment (PPE). I am encouraged by Cameco's initiatives to be more inclusive and gender diverse. Cameco now has options for PPE made specifically for women. I am encouraged by Cameco's commitments to ensure women are

in leadership roles. The company participated in the Women in Mining and Women in Nuclear “Mine Your Potential Mentorship Program,” which provides employees with the opportunity to be mentored by others in the industry. I have also seen women being profiled at Cameco to bring awareness to their roles and contributions. I attended the second annual International Women’s Day celebration, and our executive officers presented their support on the importance of women in the workplace. There are a lot of capable women in the workplace, they just need to be given the opportunity to shine and try something new.

Cameco is an experienced operator, and the site has the programs, processes and people in place to have safe production for the next licensing term. There’s an amazing group of people working at the Cigar Lake Operation who pour their heart and soul into their work, I am one of those employees. We have gained so much knowledge over the past few years with the support of the other operations as we successfully transitioned through commissioning to full production. I think Cigar Lake is so important because uranium provides clean energy to markets around the world. Cameco has over 30 years of mining and milling experience in northern Saskatchewan and I support the renewal application for Cameco’s uranium mine licence for the Cigar Lake Operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Taryn Roske".

Taryn Roske