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the North Saskatoon  
Business Association**

**Mémoire de la  
North Saskatoon  
Business Association**

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

**Commission Public Hearing**

**Audience publique de la Commission**

**April 28-29, 2021**

**28 et 29 avril 2021**

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## Request to Intervene re: Cameco Uranium Mine License for Cigar Lake Operation

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March 22, 2021

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission  
c/o Senior Tribunal Officer  
Secretariat  
280 Slater St.  
P.O Box 1026  
Ottawa, ON K1P 5S9

Re: Public Hearing Commission; Cigar Lake SK  
Request for Intervenor Status; Written Submission

The NSBA (North Saskatoon Business Association) is a member-driven and focused organization that serves, promotes, and protects business throughout Saskatoon and beyond. We have developed our mandate and reputation by being a relevant, topical, and effective organization that interacts with all levels of government and industry on a variety of issues for the betterment of our local economy.

The NSBA takes great pride in its ability to lobby and advocate on behalf of its members. We have taken a forward-looking, refreshing approach in terms of advocating for improved safety in the workplace. We have done so primarily because we believe that safety is of utmost importance. As such, business should not come at the expense of safety in the workplace. Similarly, nor do we believe that safety in the workplace should compromise a business's viability. We believe they can – indeed they must – coexist for the sake of everyone.

It is with this background in mind that we request intervenor status for the public hearing for Cameco on its request for a 10-year renewal of the Uranium Mine License for the Cigar Lake Operation in Northern Saskatchewan. We believe it is important to do so because of the profound impact Cameco – through its Cigar Lake operation – has had on the economy of not just our membership, but also of its impact on the Saskatoon economy overall and the province.

Cameco is an experienced, world-class operator of uranium mines and other nuclear facilities, with over 30 years uranium mining and milling experience in northern Saskatchewan. Furthermore, uranium from Cigar Lake is used to generate clean, reliable, carbon-free nuclear energy in many countries around the world, helping them to significantly reduce their carbon emissions and provide their citizens with affordable baseload electricity.

Cigar Lake successfully transitioned through commissioning to full production during its current licence term, while maintaining strong performance in areas such as worker safety, radiation protection and environmental excellence. With this track record established, we are confident that Cigar Lake has the programs, processes, and people in place to ensure continued safe production throughout the next licence term.

Cameco is a good and responsible corporate citizen, which has been proven time and again, even during the current COVID-19 pandemic. Despite suspending production at Cigar Lake, its last operating uranium

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mine in northern Saskatchewan, as a precaution against the pandemic, Cameco did not lay off any of its employees at the operation and force them to rely on an already overrun employment insurance system.

Cameco has a long history of effectively engaging with communities in northern Saskatchewan, including Indigenous communities. The company has developed strong relationships in northern Saskatchewan, which is reflected in their ongoing work with northern people, communities, and businesses.

Roughly half the workforce at Cigar Lake and Cameco's other mines and mills in northern Saskatchewan are Residents of Saskatchewan's North (RSN). Typically, over 70% of the goods and services Cameco uses at its northern operations are procured from northern/Indigenous-owned businesses; in 2020, it was 81%. Since 2004, this has totaled nearly \$4 billion worth of business with northern suppliers and service providers, benefitting one of the most impoverished economic regions in all of Canada – revenue which subsequently recirculates from there throughout the provincial and national economy.

Today Cameco has a well-earned reputation in Saskatchewan, across Canada and even internationally as a model for how to build positive, progressive partnerships between resource companies and traditional/Indigenous rights holders. We feel Canada needs more success stories like this, and more leaders like Cameco showing the way.

The impact Cigar Lake, Cameco and the northern Saskatchewan uranium mining industry has had on Saskatoon's economy extends far and wide. By allowing Saskatoon companies the opportunity to invest in technology and infrastructure, these companies have created expertise and, in many instances, world-leading competitive advantages, thereby allowing our economy to become more resilient to negative economic pressures that face other jurisdictions.

On behalf of the NSBA-member companies that have benefited greatly because of Cameco's Cigar Lake mining operation, we respectfully request that you grant their renewal request for its Uranium Mine Construction License at Cigar Lake.

Sincerely,

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