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**Mémoire de
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In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

**Cameco Corporation,
Blind River Refinery**

**Cameco Corporation,
Raffinerie de Blind River**

**Application to renew licence for Cameco
Corporation's Blind River Refinery**

**Demande de renouvellement de permis pour
la raffinerie de Blind River appartenant à
Cameco Corporation**

Commission Public Hearing

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Re: Cameco's licence renewal application for the Blind River Refinery (Nov 24-25, 2021 Hearing)

Dear President and Commission Members,

My name is Ryne Boyer-Denis, I am from Mississauga First Nation. I am 29 years old, and I have been a Cameco employee since January 2015. I had originally begun my employment at Cameco on a placement in the Security department. Once my placement had concluded a year later, I was offered a part-time position as a Security Guard. Since that time, I have been given numerous opportunities to expand my knowledge and my role within the company. I have changed roles/job duties a total of 3 times, going from Security Guard to Sample and Feed Operator, and then to my current role of Process Operator.

The Cameco Blind River Refinery began its uranium refining operations in 1983, long before I was born. Ever since I could remember, Cameco has always been known as a desired employment opportunity by many Blind River residents, as well as the surrounding communities of Mississauga First Nation, Thessalon, Elliot Lake, Serpent River First Nation, etc. In my opinion, Cameco has always done an admirable job of giving employment opportunities to those communities, even more so in recent years.

Cameco's licence renewal is important to me as an employee of the Blind River Refinery and as a person residing in the area. Cameco brings financial stability to Blind River and its neighbouring communities by providing meaningful employment to its residents. Without a 10-year renewal, many families would undoubtedly be forced to relocate elsewhere, leaving Blind River behind.

In June 2021, Cameco's BRR celebrated 15 years without a lost time injury. This remarkable achievement reflects the strong safety culture at the Refinery. BRR has also not had an environmental incident during the current licence period and monitoring results demonstrate that the Refinery is well below the limits set by regulatory bodies.

Cameco's launches many annual community programs. These programs include the Seniors Christmas luncheon, Cameco Appreciation Day, and the Cameco Employee Giving Campaign, to only name a few. Each of those programs require employee participation whether it be as a volunteer or by donation.

The CNSC's mandate is to regulate the use of nuclear energy and materials to protect health, safety, security and the environment. All the while, Cameco's number one priority is safeguarding the health and safety of people and the environment (as proven by our recent history). Therefore, in closing, I believe that the CNSC should grant Cameco's Blind River Refinery its 10-year licence renewal due to our strong safety culture, environmental track record, and Cameco's overall positive impact on the surrounding communities.

Respectfully,

Ryne Boyer-Denis