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St. Joseph's Foundation of  
Elliot Lake**

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In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

**Cameco Corporation,  
Blind River Refinery**

**Cameco Corporation,  
Raffinerie de Blind River**

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

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

**Commission Public Hearing**

**Audience publique de la Commission**

**November 24, 2021**

**24 novembre 2021**



St. Joseph's Foundation of Elliot Lake  
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April 14, 2021

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission  
280 Slater Street  
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**Dear Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission:**

**RE: CAMECO BLIND RIVER REFINERY LICENSE FFOL-3632.00/2022 RENEWAL APPLICATION REF. 2021-H-09**

I am writing you today in my capacity of Chair of the Board of the St. Joseph's Foundation of Elliot Lake (the Foundation), and in support of the Cameco Blind River refinery's application for license renewal.

The St. Joseph's Foundation is a registered charitable organization, dedicated to improving patient care and patient comfort at the St. Joseph's General Hospital, St. Joseph's Manor and the Oaks Treatment Centre in Elliot Lake.

Cameco is a significant regional employer and has consistently proven themselves to be an excellent 'corporate partner' in Blind River and the surrounding municipalities. For example, several years ago the Foundation applied to Cameco's 'Giving Campaign' for financial support for an equipment purchase. Not only did the employees commit to making the Foundation a beneficiary of this program, but ultimately raised 100% of the funds needed.

More recently the Foundation completed a \$1.8 million project to secure a CT scanner for the hospital. This project was by far and away the largest that the Foundation had undertaken. We were very fortunate to have been supported once again by the employees through the 'Giving Campaign' but also by Cameco itself. In total between the two projects Cameco has donated approximately \$150,000 to the Foundation, a very significant sum.

As a long-term resident of the Region, I can assure you that Cameco has had, and continues to enjoy, a stellar reputation. They are held in great respect as a premier employer in the Region, and a dependable and generous supporter of Blind River and the surrounding communities, including obviously Elliot Lake.

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I have personally visited the Blind River refinery site and was very impressed with their high safety standards and rigorous controls and procedures. Over time I have been fortunate to have visited a number of commercial and industrial sites around the world, including operating uranium mines in Elliot Lake, the Pickering nuclear generating facility and the waste isolation pilot project (WIPP) in Nevada. It is my opinion that Cameco corporately, and the Blind River refinery specifically, represent the nuclear industry in the best possible light.

It has been a great pleasure to write this letter, as I feel it is a relatively small gesture in relation to the benefit that Cameco and its employees have brought to the Region. If there is anything else I can do to support the Blind River refinery's application for license renewal please let me know.

Should you require any further information or clarification please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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