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Lac La Ronge Indian Band**

**Mémoire de la
Bande indienne de
Lac La Ronge**

**Regulatory Oversight Report for
Uranium Mines, Mills, Historic,
and Decommissioned Sites in
Canada: 2020**

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réglementaire des mines et usines
de concentration d'uranium et des
sites historiques et déclassés au
Canada : 2020**

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Re: Intervention letter on Regulatory Oversight Report for Uranium Mines, Mills, Historic and Decommissioned Sites in Canada: 2020

Senior Tribunal Officer:

In 2020 we completed another full year as partners under the Lac La Ronge Indian Band (LLRIB) Collaboration Agreement (CA) ¹ signed in 2017 with Cameco. The LLRIB communities created new activities, employment and programs through the CA and the funds were used for a variety of community-based initiatives.

The LLRIB is the largest band in Saskatchewan, and one of the largest in Canada with over 11,215 band members. The LLRIB lands, 18 reserves in total, extend from farmlands in central Saskatchewan all the way north through the boreal forest to the Churchill River and beyond. We are a Woodland Cree First Nation, members of the Prince Albert Grand Council and pride ourselves on a commitment to education opportunities, economic successes, and social development work. In addition, we manage our own internationally accredited Indian Child and Family Services and have strong business ventures through our Kitsaki Management Limited Partnership and Keethanow Business Group.

Under the CA, Cameco continues to build on initiatives for the community in areas of business development, workforce development, community investments, scholarship programs and community engagement. The CA has made it possible for infrastructure programs, administrative services, education, health, public safety, environmental protection, culture, sports, recreation, and business development.

¹ The Parties to the Lac La Ronge Indian Band Collaboration Agreement are the Lac La Ronge Indian Band and Cameco Corporation.

We are proud of the work being done by Canada North Environmental Services Ltd (CanNorth), 100% owned by Kitsaki Management Limited Partnership, one of the largest environmental service providers in western Canada. CanNorth has been able to provide high quality environmental and heritage services to a diverse group of clients for a wide range of projects. The experience gained through our partnership with Cameco has increased; the technical skills and knowledge to protect the environment, satisfy regulatory requirements, benefit our clients, and support local communities. Being Indigenous owned, it is important that we maximize Indigenous community involvement in projects, including integrating traditional knowledge, engaging, and employing local people in environmental programs, and creating employment and education opportunities.

In 2020, the Mining Association of Canada (MAC) awarded Cameco one of its prestigious Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM) Excellence Awards in recognition of the Community Based Environmental Monitoring Program (CBEMP) we lead and its innovative and sustainable that employs local community members, builds capacity with a focus on community engagement and environmental stewardship.

CanNorth also fully supports other community-based monitoring programs such as the Eastern Athabasca Regional Monitoring Program (EARMP). The EARMP monitoring work is partially funded by the CNSC and demonstrates that the food and water in the Athabasca Basin of northern Saskatchewan remain safe for consumption.

Under the agreement, Cameco and the Traditional Lands and Resources Advisory Committee maintain open lines of communication to ensure that the LLRIB community is informed, engaged and is a mechanism to address issues raised by the communities. In addition, a Traditional Lands and Resources Coordinator directs efforts between Cameco and the Traditional Lands and Resources Advisory Committee. Operational information continues to be shared to keep members Informed on the sites and on the ways, Cameco works to avoid and minimize environmental impacts. informed and that community members' concerns are heard during engagement opportunities with the companies. We encourage community members to share questions and concerns about the operations and environment.

Cameco and LLRIB have built a long-standing relationship and I am pleased to provide a letter regarding the 2020 Regulatory Oversight Report (ROR) for Uranium Mines, Mills, Historic and Decommissioned Sites in Canada. While in operation and during care and maintenance, we have been well informed about the operations included in the 2020 submission.

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