



**Written submission from the  
Saskatchewan Mining Association**

**Mémoire de la  
Saskatchewan Mining Association**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

**Cameco Corporation, Beaverlodge Project**

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**Application to amend its licence to allow  
release of 18 Beaverlodge Project  
properties from CNSC licensing**

**Demande de modification du permis de  
Cameco visant à retirer 18 propriétés du  
projet Beaverlodge du contrôle de la CCSN**

**Commission Public Hearing**

**Audience publique de la Commission**

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**RE: SMA Written Intervention – Cameco’s application to amend its licence to allow release of 18 Beaverlodge Project properties from licensing CMD22-H-05**

The Saskatchewan Mining Association (SMA) is the voice of the mining industry in Saskatchewan and has the role of liaison and consultant with government and public to ensure the safe, profitable and orderly development of the mineral resources of the province. Environmental protection and stewardship are important to the members of the SMA as shown by their commitment to environmental planning, monitoring, compliance and reclamation. Our members are also among the largest industrial employers of Indigenous people in Canada.

The SMA represents over 35 member companies including producers and exploration companies. Our mission is to advance a safe, sustainable and globally competitive exploration and mining industry in Saskatchewan that benefits all residents of the province.

The SMA is providing this intervention in support of Cameco Corporation’s (Cameco) application to amend its licence to allow for the release of 18 decommissioned Beaverlodge Project properties from licensing.

Cameco has had an extensive history with the Beaverlodge project and continues to be a responsible manager of the decommissioned Beaverlodge properties. Included in this responsible management has been Cameco’s consistent approach to following the approved Beaverlodge Management Framework and Path Forward Plan.

The 18 decommissioned properties that are subject of this request meet the established performance criteria and pose minimal risk to public safety or the environment and they are now eligible for long-term stewardship in the province of Saskatchewan’s Institutional Control Program, or free-release depending on the presence of historical mining/milling activity.

Saskatchewan’s Institutional Control Program continues to provide assurance of sufficient funding to provide for monitoring and maintenance, and to address any unforeseen events on the properties over the long term. This program is recognized internationally as being “best in class” for its sustainable approach to the long-term management of decommissioned and reclaimed mining operations.

Cameco continues to have a robust Public Information Program and has effectively engaged with Indigenous groups and other stakeholders with an interest in the decommissioned Beaverlodge properties. As we all recognize, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused challenges for both industry and government with respect to public engagement and Cameco has adapted to the challenges posed by the pandemic and held virtual engagement meetings and site tours in both 2020 and 2021.

Community based monitoring programs conducted in the Uranium City area, and elsewhere in the Athabasca Basin, continue to demonstrate that the country foods and water that are consumed by community members are safe and part of a healthy diet.

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to share our views in this written intervention to indicate our support for Cameco’s application to amend its licence to allow for the release of 18 decommissioned Beaverlodge Project properties from licensing.

Yours sincerely,



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