



**Oral presentation**

**Exposé oral**

**Written submission from  
PBN Construction**

**Mémoire de  
PBN Construction**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

**Cameco Corporation, McArthur River  
Operation and Key Lake Operation**

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**Cameco Corporation, établissements de  
McArthur River et de Key Lake**

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Application for the renewal of uranium  
mine/mill licences for McArthur River  
Operation and Key Lake Operation

Demande visant le renouvellement des permis  
d'exploitation de mines et d'usines de  
concentration d'uranium pour les  
établissements de McArthur River et de  
Key Lake

**Commission Public Hearing**

**Audience publique de la Commission**

**June 7-8, 2023**

**7-8 juin 2023**



Secretariat, Senior Tribunal Officer  
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission  
280 Slater St., Ottawa ON

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

**Re: Intervention Letter on Renewal Application for Cameco's Uranium Mine License for the Key Lake, Rabbit Lake and McArthur River Operations**

It is with pleasure that PBN Construction (PBN) provides this letter in support of Cameco's application for the relicensing of Key Lake, Rabbit Lake and McArthur River Operations. PBN is owned by the Northern Village of Pinehouse Lake, and our company is focused on heavy civil construction, road maintenance, and labour services for the industrial industry.

Since the opening of the mine, Cameco has demonstrated themselves to exemplary environmental stewards and partners in Northern Saskatchewan. During the current licence term Cameco transitioned Rabbit Lake, Key Lake and McArthur River into a safe state care and maintenance, and recently, transitioned Key Lake and McArthur River back into production. Cameco did this while maintaining the safety of workers and the public and while protecting the environment due to the strength of our mature management systems. Further to this:

- 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.
- 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.
- Cameco has requested a 20-year licence renewal, which would provide Cameco with an increased level of regulatory and operational certainty for these operations, facilitate longer term capital investment, and see continued engagement and benefits.

In addition to the points outline above, the operation of facilities has left an indelible mark on the people of Northern Saskatchewan. More specifically, through the operation of the mine – approximately 60,000 manhours of work have been created for Pinehouse community member resulting in approximately \$2.0 M in direct wages. For a small, remote community of 1200 people, this economic activity has helped lift many families above the poverty line.

In closing, Cameco has been an exceptional partner and environmental steward and we are proud to stand shoulder to shoulder in support of their relicensing application. Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B Thoudsanikone", written over a large, faint, stylized watermark of a mountain range.

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