



**Written submission from the  
Des Nedhe Group**

**Mémoire du  
Des Nedhe Group**

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**

April 24, 2023

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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission  
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**Subject: Intervention letter in support of Cameco's Application for Licence Renewals for the Key Lake and McArthur River operations**

Established in 1991, Des Nedhe Group is the economic development organization of the English River First Nation (ERFN). It was designed initially in response to opportunities created by the fact of uranium activity on ERFN's ancestral homelands. Its purpose is to generate wealth for ERFN, and sustainable employment and business opportunities for ERFN community members.

Tron Construction & Mining Limited Partnership (Tron) is one of the companies that makes up Des Nedhe Group. Tron delivers construction projects to Cameco operations, and has for many years. Tron provides training and employment opportunities for ERFN Band members.

Managed in part by Tron, Mudjatik Thyssen Mining Joint Venture also brings substantial benefits to multiple communities in northern Saskatchewan, providing northern residents and communities with the opportunity to participate in and benefit from the mining industry.

Generally, we believe Cameco is an experienced and qualified operator.

Des Nedhe Group supports the renewal of the operating licences *per se* for the Key Lake and McArthur River operations and asks that the CNSC see fit to renew those licences so that Des Nedhe can continue its important work in northern Saskatchewan, providing opportunities for ERFN band members.

In providing this letter of support, Des Nedhe Group is mindful that its owner ERFN has notable concerns about the length of licence term being requested by Cameco in the within application, and that ERFN plans to bring those concerns forward in its own intervention. Des Nedhe is also mindful that ERFN has communicated to Cameco the need to revisit the terms of the Collaboration Agreement between the two sides aimed, among other things, at growing the level of Des Nedhe participation at Cameco operations. I support those critical efforts and objectives.

Sincerely,



Sean Willy  
President and CEO