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de Lac La Ronge**

**Regulatory Oversight Report for
Uranium Mines and Mills in Canada:
2022**

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RE: INTERVENTION LETTER; REGULATORY OVERSIGHT REPORT FOR URANIUM MINES AND MILLS IN CANADA: 2022

As the Chief of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band (LLRIB), I appreciate the opportunity to submit this intervention letter on behalf of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band.

The LLRIB is one of the largest First Nations, with over 12,000 band members. The LLRIB lands, 19 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 we pride ourselves on a commitment to education opportunities, business successes, and improving the well-being of our band members. We manage our own internationally accredited Indian Child and Family Services and have strong business ventures through our Kitsaki Management Limited Partnership.

As partners with Cameco under the Lac La Ronge Indian Band (LLRIB) Collaboration Agreement (CA) signed in 2017. The LLRIB communities created new activities, employment and programs through the CA and the funds were used for a variety of community-based initiatives. Cameco continues to build on initiatives for the community in areas of business development, workforce development, LLRIB community investments, scholarship programs and community engagement. The agreement with Cameco and the LLRIB has made it possible for infrastructure programs, administrative services, education, health, public safety, environmental protection, culture, sports, recreation, and business development.

Cameco has 35 years of uranium mining and milling experience in northern Saskatchewan. During this time, Cameco and LLRIB have built a long-standing relationship and I am pleased to provide Cameco this letter of support for the 2022 Regulatory Oversight Report for Uranium Mines and Mills. We have been well informed and believe Cameco to be an experienced and qualified operator.

Cameco continues to be a vital part of northern Saskatchewan and makes a positive impact as a major employer, strong community partner and a very respected company in the region by members and leadership of the LLRIB.

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Chief Tammy Cook-Searson
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