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**Written Submission from
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In the matter of

À l'égard de

Cameco Corporation

Application to renew the Class IB nuclear fuel facility operating licence for the Port Hope Conversion Facility for a period of 20 years

Cameco Corporation

Demande visant à renouveler, pour une période de 20 ans, le permis d'exploitation d'une installation de combustible nucléaire de catégorie IB pour l'installation de conversion de Port Hope

Commission Public Hearing

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Re: Cameco's licence renewal application for the Port Hope Conversion Facility (Nov 3-5, 2026, Hearing)

Dear President and Commission Members,

My name is Jason Whitelaw, Resource Planning and Emergency Response Supervisor at Cameco's Port Hope Conversion Facility. I am writing in support of Cameco's application for a 20-year licence renewal.

Having worked at the facility for over 30 years, I have had the unique opportunity to witness Cameco's sustained commitment to safety, environmental protection, regulatory excellence, and continuous improvement. These principles are not merely corporate objectives, they are fundamental values that guide daily operations, investment decisions, and employee behavior. Through my leadership role in emergency preparedness and response planning, I have seen firsthand how these commitments translate into action, resulting in a highly capable, well-prepared organization that consistently prioritizes the protection of workers, the public, and the environment. This experience gives me strong confidence in Cameco's ability to continue operating safely and responsibly well into the future.

Cameco's values of Safety, People, Integrity, Excellence, and Community are reflected throughout its operations and decision-making. Safety is not simply a priority; it is a core value that guides every aspect of our business and drives a culture where employees are empowered to identify and address potential risks before they become incidents.

The company places a strong emphasis on employee development, providing comprehensive training, mentoring, and continuous learning opportunities to ensure its workforce remains skilled, qualified, and prepared to meet evolving operational and regulatory requirements. This commitment extends to emergency preparedness, where regular drills, exercises, equipment upgrades, and program reviews help maintain an elevated level of readiness. Cameco has also invested in state-of-the-art emergency response equipment and technologies, including advanced drone capabilities that enhance situational awareness, support hazard assessments, and assist responders in managing onsite incidents safely and effectively.

Throughout my career, I have also seen Cameco demonstrate a strong commitment to environmental protection through responsible operations, comprehensive monitoring programs, and ongoing investments aimed at reducing environmental impacts. The company continually evaluates and improves its programs and performance to ensure environmental protection remains a fundamental part of its operations.

Beyond its operations, Cameco continues to make a positive contribution to the Port Hope community through local partnerships, support for emergency services, community investment initiatives, and

employee volunteerism. These efforts reflect the company's commitment to being a responsible corporate citizen and valued community partner.

I believe Cameco has earned a 20-year licence renewal through its proven history of safe and compliant operations, strong environmental performance, investment in its people, and commitment to continuous improvement. A longer licence term will provide the stability needed to support ongoing investments in safety, training, technology, emergency preparedness, and environmental protection. Based on my experience, I am confident Cameco has demonstrated the performance, accountability, and long-term vision necessary to continue operating safely and responsibly while supporting its employees, the community, and the environment.

Respectfully submitted,

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