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**Written Submission from the
Kineepik Métis Local Inc.**

In the matter of the

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Mines and Mills in Canada: 2024**

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Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of Kineepik Métis Local Inc (KML), please accept this written submission to the **Regulatory Oversight Report for Uranium Mines and Mills in Canada: 2024**

(CMD 26-M3) This submission outlines our response to the reports and affirms our intention to intervene through both a written submission and an oral presentation at the public hearing, either virtually or in person for CMD 26-M3.

KML has long-standing relationships with both Cameco and Orano. We acknowledge the contributions that these companies have made to our community. We also know that since the signing of our early agreements both the global context and the uranium industry have experienced significant changes. New expectations and standards are emerging regarding how industry engages and collaborates with right holders. We are looking forward to renewing discussions with these two leaders in the Canadian uranium sector regarding how industry will grow alongside their Indigenous partners.

Upon reviewing the ROR report provided by CNSC, KML notes that the tracked and reported metrics indicate that the mining companies are operating in satisfactory compliance with regulatory requirements. However, we wish to highlight several areas where jurisdictional responsibility remains unclear.

With the issuance of 20-year licenses, we are concerned that companies -while highly engaged and collaborative prior to licensing and licence renewal - become far less accessible once agreements are signed. There is no regulatory mechanism requiring companies to uphold the spirit of their Collaboration Agreements, Mutual Benefit Agreements, or Impact Benefit Agreements with Rights Holders. Longer licence terms appear to correlate with longer periods of limited or no engagement.

We are also concerned about transportation and road-related safety, an area where jurisdiction is unclear. KML has invited the provincial Department of Highways to multiple meetings over several months without receiving a response. At the same time, when we have raised concerns with the CNSC regarding the volume, type, and speed of industrial traffic on the single access road into our community, we have been advised that this issue falls outside CNSC authority. Traffic is expected to increase, as evidenced by the growing number of DTC requests we receive. At present, there is no clear pathway to bring these concerns to the appropriate authority or to work collaboratively toward a solution.

Additionally, while regulatory compliance is important, it does not address our community's desire for progressive reclamation. Experience in Alberta has shown that reclamation funds set aside by companies may be insufficient when too much



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time passes between when funds are reserved and when reclamation occurs. Progressive reclamation allows land to be restored more promptly and helps ensure that reclamation funds remain adequate and effective.

KML will continue to advocate for and negotiate Collaboration Agreements that uphold our language and culture, support economic and business development, create meaningful employment for our members, and provide training and educational opportunities that enable our community to participate in this industry in new and expanding ways.

KML looks forward to continued dialogue with our industry partners and to strengthening these relationships in the years ahead. Through ongoing communication, transparency, and a shared commitment to responsible development, we believe it is possible to build a lasting legacy—one that delivers meaningful benefits to our community today and for generations to come.

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