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**Written submission from the
Northern Saskatchewan
Environmental Quality Committee**

**Mémoire du
Northern Saskatchewan
Environmental Quality Committee**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

Beaverlodge Project

Application to amend the Waste Facility Operating Licence to allow for the removal of 20 properties at the Beaverlodge Project from its licence

Site Beaverlodge

Demande pour modifier le permis d'exploitation d'une installation de gestion des déchets pour permettre le retrait de 20 propriétés du site Beaverlodge de son permis

Commission Public Hearing

Audience publique de la Commission

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August 22, 2019

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Re: NSEQC Intervention letter on the Request for Release of 20 Beaverlodge Properties from Requiring Licensing under the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act*

Senior Tribunal Officer:

On behalf of the Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee (NSEQC), I am pleased to provide a letter in regards to Cameco Corporation's request for release of 20 Beaverlodge Properties from licensing under the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* (NSCA).

The NSEQC is a Saskatchewan provincial government advisory committee of thirty municipalities and First Nations communities, representing a broad cross-section of First Nations and Métis across the north. These communities and their representatives have given northerners an effective voice on the uranium industry for the last 23 years. The representatives come from municipalities and First Nations alike, and these individuals include people of First Nations (Dene and Cree), Métis and non-Indigenous heritage.

The NSEQC cultivates and reinforces positive relationships among northern communities, northern resource developers and federal and provincial government regulators. It builds trust and confidence in decisions related to developments in the resource sector, particularly uranium.

Our activities are known to many stakeholders through correspondence, direct reports to communities, our published annual report, and reliable media coverage in northern Saskatchewan's leading business magazine Opportunity North.

Over the years we have followed the Beaverlodge properties closely, and many representatives have visited a number of the properties in the Uranium City area. Cameco and the regulators have helped us understand the steps that have brought us to this day. We are satisfied that the 20 properties in question have been adequately remediated and that they do not pose a risk to humans or the environment. With that said, we are glad to know that monitoring efforts will continue even after the properties are released.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of CNSC staff and the expertise they possess in regulating uranium operations in this region. We get responses when we ask for them, and we feel our input is valued.

In closing, we do support the request to release the 20 properties from licensing under the NSCA. We encourage the continued diligence of both provincial and federal regulators in ensuring the

remaining properties operate within the terms and condition of the license. Moving forward, the NSEQC expects Cameco to continue to participate in our meetings and to provide updates regarding the remediation process, and to report any changes as they occur at the Beaverlodge site. The NSEQC will also expect to continue to receive annual reports and inspection reports from Saskatchewan Ministry of the Environment and the CNSC. The NSEQC will continue to disseminate information regarding activities at Beaverlodge to northern Saskatchewan residents and community leadership.

Sincerely,

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