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**Regulatory Oversight Report for Uranium Mines and Mills in** Canada: 2018

Rapport de surveillance réglementaire pour les mines et usines de concentration d'uranium au Canada: 2018

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## RE: SMA Written Intervention - Regulatory Oversight Report for Uranium Mines and Mills in Canada: 2018

The Saskatchewan Mining Association (SMA) is the voice of the mining industry in Saskatchewan and has the role of liaison and consultant with government and public to ensure the safe, profitable and orderly development of the mineral resources of the province. Environmental protection and stewardship are important to the members of the SMA as shown by their commitment to environmental planning, monitoring, compliance and reclamation. Our members are also among the largest industrial employers of Indigenous people in Canada.

The SMA represents over 35 member companies including producers and exploration companies. Our mission is to advance a safe, sustainable and globally competitive exploration and mining industry in Saskatchewan that benefits all residents of the province.

The SMA is providing this intervention in support of Cameco Corporation (Cameco) and Orano Canada Inc.'s (Orano) ongoing management of uranium operations in northern Saskatchewan.

Market conditions have compelled Cameco to suspend operations at three of four uranium mining and milling operations in northern Saskatchewan. During this extended period of suppressed market conditions Cameco has successfully managed the Key Lake, McArthur River and Rabbit Lake operations into a state of safe and stable care and maintenance.

Both Cameco and Orano continue to demonstrate strong management and have met performance expectations regarding the health and safety of persons and protection of the environment.

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to share our views and indicate our support for Cameco and Orano's northern Saskatchewan operations.

Yours sincerely,

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