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**Written submission from the
Kineepik Métis Local**

**Mémoire du
Kineepik Métis Local**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

**Cameco Corporation,
Cigar Lake Operation**

**Cameco Corporation,
établissement de Cigar Lake**

Application for the renewal of Cameco's
uranium mine licence for the Cigar Lake
Operation

Demande de renouvellement du permis de mine
d'uranium de Cameco pour l'établissement de
Cigar Lake

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Re: Intervention letter on renewal application for Cameco's uranium mine licence for the Cigar Lake Operation

Senior Tribunal Officer:

The Northern Village of Pinehouse, located in the Kineepik Métis mapped territory, on the western shore of Pinehouse Lake, is transforming the community into a thriving, self-sustaining example of the power of partnerships. We as an Indigenous community have worked with industry for many years. Through the formalized partnership with the signing of a Collaboration Agreement¹ (CA) with Cameco and Orano. From that Agreement, the community has leveraged many initiatives including hosting the Recovery Lake camp, the Annual Elder's Gathering, student scholarships, recreation, and housing and many others. Year over year we are increasing our industrial work capacity and is showing up with greater demand for our services. We host the majority of our workforce training requirements in house. The ability to use our language and culture within our training is bringing pride to our community as we continue to organically grow a blended culturally intact workforce in partnership with Industry.

The CA also provides an important forum, the Joint Implementation Engagement Subcommittee (JIES). The JIES was developed in collaboration with Cameco and shares information on matters related to the environment, the operations, proposed authorizations, and to address issues raised by the community. The JIES members are the primary link between Cameco, the Northern Village of Pinehouse and the Kineepik Métis Local for the sharing of information. These local representatives act as the first point of contact for community engagement matters. This engagement capacity has grown beyond the use of managing our communication with Cameco and Orano, as we now actively engage with our land users, forestry industry, government ministries etc. on activities that are of concern to occurring on our mapped territory. We are work to assist nearby communities to build engagement capacity, when requested.

¹ The Parties to the Pinehouse Collaboration Agreement are Cameco Corporation, Orano Canada Inc., the Northern Village of Pinehouse and Kineepik Métis Local Inc.

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Through the CA, the community's cultural heritage, Métis roots and deep ties to the land are maintained while the community focuses on funding and development of local businesses, workforce and training plans, community investment initiatives, and community engagement and environmental stewardship activities. This ongoing engagement with Industry and the continued support of organic growth will continue to bring Indigenous pride to our community. It is understood by Kineepik that we are responsible for maintaining our culture, language and identity through the stewardship of the land we use and we can do so with our partnership.

As an Indigenous leader for the community, I see firsthand the positive impacts industry has had on my community. These impacts will continue to increase as we are able to manage the growth through the agreement, which reaffirms and formalizes our long-standing relationship. Environmental stewardship is important to our community members and we want to ensure that the environment is protected for our younger generations. This cannot be understated for the land is akin to our identity. We will continue to use the land long after Industry is done and if we know how to manage any issues, we can follow our customs of leaving the land in useable condition for future generations.

Cameco is committed to ongoing engagement with the community. Community members are encouraged to bring forward any questions or concerns about the operations and the environment to the JIES representatives. The JIES members will then raise the question during the quarterly meetings so that it can be addressed by the company representatives. The JIES works to ensure information is shared regarding areas of interest that have specifically been identified by community members. As the local experts, the community JIES representatives also play an important role for Cameco by providing advice, based on interest and need, regarding community engagement strategies for planned and future site-based projects.

I feel Cameco has successfully transitioned the Cigar Lake operation through commissioning to full production during the licencing term. Cameco has managed its operations in and out of a state of safe and stable care and maintenance and are satisfied with the strong performance in the safety and control areas of worker safety, radiation protection, and environmental protection. Cameco has kept us informed about the site and the measures it took to ensure safety of its workers and our northern communities, more recently within the COVID-19 pandemic. I believe the company has clearly demonstrated that it is a qualified operator.

I am pleased to provide you with this letter of support regarding the renewal application for Cameco's uranium mine licence for the Cigar Lake Operation on behalf of the Kineepik Métis Local, with support of the Northern Village of Pinehouse

Sincerely,

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