



**Written submission from the
Greater Saskatoon
Chamber of Commerce**

**Mémoire de la
Greater Saskatoon
Chamber of Commerce**

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

Commission Public Hearing

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VIA CNSC WEBSITE UPLOAD

Re: Cameco Corporation Request for License Renewal – Cigar Lake Project

To Whom It May Concern:

The Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce is pleased to add its voice in support of Cameco's request for a 10-year renewal of the Uranium Mine License for the Cigar Lake Operation.

Cameco is an experienced, industry-leading operator of uranium mines and other nuclear facilities with over 30 years of uranium mining and milling experience in northern Saskatchewan. Its operation of Cigar Lake in this period – and its success in building trusting partnerships and employment opportunities in communities across the region – has been nothing short of exemplary.

As part of Cameco's portfolio of world-class facilities, Cigar Lake successfully transitioned through commissioning to full production during its current licence term, while maintaining strong performance in areas such as worker safety, radiation protection and environmental excellence. Today, Cigar Lake has the programs, processes and people in place to ensure continued safe production throughout the next licence term.

Despite suspending production at Cigar Lake, its last operating uranium mine in northern Saskatchewan, as a precaution against the pandemic, Cameco did not lay off any of its employees at the operation and force them to rely on an already overrun employment insurance system. Roughly half the workforce at Cigar Lake and Cameco's other mines and mills in northern Saskatchewan are Residents of Saskatchewan's North (RSN). For these residents and their families, Cameco's commitment has provided income stability, reassurance and vital support at a most challenging time.

Communities in Cameco's operating region also continue to draw strength from their relationship with the company.

Cameco has a long history of effectively engaging with communities in northern Saskatchewan, including Indigenous communities, which is reflected in its ongoing work with northern people, communities and businesses. Typically, over 70% of the goods and services Cameco uses at its northern operations are procured from northern/Indigenous-owned businesses; in 2020, it was 81%. Since 2004, this has amounted to nearly \$4 billion worth of business with northern suppliers and service providers, benefitting one of the most impoverished economic regions in all of Canada – revenue which subsequently recirculates from there throughout the provincial and national economy.

At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Cameco's commitment to its community partners was unwavering. Cameco supplied significant quantities of PPE to northern communities and First Nations struggling to access them. Its COVID-19 Relief Fund provided \$1 million to dozens of charities and local groups in Saskatchewan to help them serve and support people in need at a critical time.

These actions and decisions are extensions of Cameco's deeply held values, approach to community relations, and commitment to win-win partnerships that promote both industry and Indigenous economic development. It has earned its strong reputation in Saskatchewan, across Canada and even internationally as a model for how to build positive, progressive partnerships between resource companies and traditional and Indigenous rights holders.

Uranium from Cigar Lake is used to generate clean, reliable, carbon-free nuclear energy in many countries around the world, helping them to significantly reduce their carbon emissions and provide their citizens with affordable baseload electricity. Under the continued responsible stewardship of Cameco, this vital resource will provide a pathway to a cleaner and brighter future for us all.

In Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and beyond, Cameco is widely regarded as an outstanding corporate citizen with a deep commitment to safety and the stakeholder communities who benefit from the success of its operations. For these reasons, and those noted above, we urge you to look favorably on Cameco's request for renewal of the Uranium Mine License for the Cigar Lake Operation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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