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**Written submission from  
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**Mémoire de  
Mark Blondin**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

**Cameco Corporation,  
Blind River Refinery**

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**Cameco Corporation,  
Raffinerie de Blind River**

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**Application to renew licence for Cameco  
Corporation's Blind River Refinery**

**Demande de renouvellement de permis pour  
la raffinerie de Blind River appartenant à  
Cameco Corporation**

**Commission Public Hearing**

**Audience publique de la Commission**

**November 24-25, 2021**

**24-25 novembre 2021**

August 18, 2021

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Re: Cameco's license renewal application for the Blind River Refinery (Nov 24-25, 2021, Hearing)

Dear President and Commission Members,

My name is Mark Blondin. I have worked at the Cameco Blind River Refinery for 35 years. Thirty years as a laboratory technologist and 5 years as a trainer.

The refinery was built in 1983 to process natural uranium ore concentrate into uranium trioxide. Cameco's number one goal has always been the safety of its employees and the protection of the environment. We have shown this with a good safety record over the years. We have just celebrated 15 years without a lost time accident but even before this we have celebrated 10+ years without a lost time accident. We have also not had an environmental incident during this license period.

I live in Blind River and Cameco has always been a strong supporter of the town and keeps the town informed about its operations and activities.

I believe Cameco's Blind River Refinery should be granted a 10-year license renewal due to its strong safety and environmental commitments. The people of Blind River support Cameco's operations and hope for continuation of them. We will need uranium in the future to supply our energy needs and I feel Cameco is the one needed to supply us.

Sincerely,

Mark Blondin

