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Written submission from the
Rotary Club of Blind River

Mémoire du **Rotary Club of Blind River**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

Cameco Corporation, Blind River Refinery

Cameco Corporation, Raffinerie de Blind River

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

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"Service Above Self"



May 10, 2021

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) Ref. 2021-11-09

Dear Commissioners:

Re: Licence renewal application – Cameco Corporation (Cameco) for the Blind River Refinery (BRR)

The Rotary Club of Blind River is pleased to support the licence renewal application of the Cameco Blind River Refinery. Blind River is fortunate to have Cameco in our community, as a major employer and excellent corporate citizen. Everyone knows someone who works at Cameco!

Members of the Rotary Club of Blind River toured the BRR in the fall of 2019, and had the opportunity to hear about the operation and safety measures. Members also attended the virtual community information session held by Cameco on April 27, 2021. Our Club is impressed with both the safety and community involvement records of Cameco.

Cameco is a great supporter of Blind River, both as a corporation, and through the Employee Giving Campaign. Employees choose a charity yearly and donate what they raise to that cause – recently it was for medical equipment at the nearest hospital to Blind River in Elliot Lake. Cameco is also a major sponsor of Blind River's Seniors Games, for example. In addition, the BRR's employees provide volunteer hours to community projects on Community Days, paid time provided to them by the corporation. For example, Cameco purchases and the employees install the wind screens at the tennis courts.

Cameco is a direct supporter of our Club as well – they are a major sponsor at our annual golf tournament and have contributed to other projects over the years. Most recently, the Rotary Club of Blind River received a \$5,000 donation towards the construction of the Bea Jensen Memorial Gazebo (in honour of one of our long-time members who passed away in June of 2020)— a donation which helped kick-start a fundraising campaign that raised over \$30,000. Employees are donating their own time and expertise to the actual construction of the gazebo.

Cameco's support of the community would be sorely missed – the Rotary Club of Blind River heartily supports their application for licence renewal.

Sincerely,

Eva Whitmore

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President, Rotary Club of Blind River