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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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From: Ryan Hagger
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Dear President and Commission Members,

My name is Ryan Hagger and I'm a Process Operator/ Back-up Supervisor at Cameco Blind River refinery. I've been employed at the refinery for 11 years. I've been a member of the Blind River community my whole life. I was raised here and now I'm raising my family here in our small community.

Cameco's Blind River Refinery has been operational since 1983 and has been receiving uranium concentrates from around the world and processing these concentrates into UO₃. At Cameco we believe in Health, Safety and the Environment. We have an outstanding safety record of 15 years with no loss time accident. We maintain this record because of the training and care that we take everyday with our duties and tasks as employees and helping each other out to make sure every job is done safely and efficiently.

The renewal of Cameco Blind River Refinery's license is a huge deal to us as a company. This refinery is our livelihood and without Cameco in Blind River would be devastating not just to the employees but to the community. Cameco has always been very supportive of the community and so has the community of Cameco. We have a great relationship with Blind River's surrounding communities, as well as the Mississauga First Nations Reserve. Plus the continued success of our environmental limits being maintained at such low levels.

At Cameco we strive for the safest possible environment to work in. As you can see our safety record shows how dedicated we are to maintaining that level of perfection. We want our employees and co-workers to be able to go home to their families every night in the same way they came to work. Happy and Healthy. We also have many safeguards in place to protect the environment of any contamination from the refinery. We do visual checks in all areas and throughout the refinery on a regular basis, ground water sampling in many different bore holes surrounding the refinery, testing of the effluent circuit and lagoon sampling as well as continuous monitoring of the effluent discharge to Lake Huron when we discharge a lagoon. As well as continuous monitoring of stack emissions to the atmosphere.

Another great thing about Cameco Blind River Refinery is its commitment to the community and the support that we get from the community. We are giving back to the community and surrounding areas every year with our giving campaign. We select an organization or group that is dear to our hearts and community that's in need of funding and we, as employees, give a donation to that organization/group to help them out. Our way of saying thanks for what they do. We also have Cameco Cares Day where we go out in the community and do different tasks, maintenance,

painting or beautifying different areas of the community to make our town that much more special as well as helping the seniors in the community with chores they might need help with.

I feel that Cameco should be granted our 10 year renewal because of the positive influence we have on the safety of the environment, community and the employees of the refinery. Our track record shows the amount of dedication we have to making sure safety and the environment are our top priorities.

Thank you for your time in this matter,

Ryan Hagger

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