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Milltown Motors Ltd.**

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

Dear President and Commission Members,

My name is Don Lees and I am the second generation President/owner of Milltown Motors Limited. I operated two General Motors Dealerships with my wife, Heidi and son, Chris here in Blind River and Elliot Lake ON. We employ 27 people and have been in operation for over 59 years.

Milltown Motors is a supplier for both parts, service and vehicles at the Blind River refinery. Cameco is the main reason many of our local businesses are able to exist in this rapidly changing digitally charged retail environment. It would be the single biggest reason why we are still able to operate here in Blind River.

I will never forget the day the announcement was made to bring Cameco here some forty years ago. Our Northshore / Elliot Lake region was in need of some positive news as we had lost our local Sawmill some years back which had crushed the dreams of hundreds of our local citizens with the job losses that were incurred. In turn our businesses too suffered as the high unemployment rate does not lend itself well to retail prosperity! Our local Uranium Mines in Elliot Lake had been up and down for years but even though at that time we were going through a resurgence the rumors were spreading that the end was in site. They too finally closed and were decommissioned in the early 90's. So the fact that a we getting a Nuclear refinery in our region that already was used to mining Uranium was fantastic news.

I understand that Cameco's Blind River refinery has applied for a 10-year operating licence. They are also not requesting any changes to the current licenced activities in its renewal process.

Cameco has been a model corporate citizen in its safety and environmental performance. It is very clear that safety is their number one priority. I have personally been through the facility and everywhere you go around the plant the safety process is clearly followed. June of this year Cameco's Blind River refinery celebrated 15 years without a lost time injury which further proves their safety commitment.

From an environmental standpoint Cameco has a very regimented monitoring process. They annually communicate with our local mayor and council as to their efforts to stay well within the limits set out by regulatory bodies as well as publish their quarterly and annual compliance reports on their website. Cameco's Blind River refinery has not had an environmental incident during the current licence period.

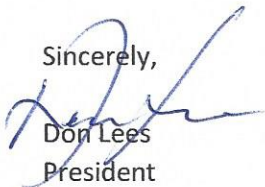
Cameco Blind River has been a very gracious corporation. The financial support that they have invested in our entire Northshore region has been outstanding. The list of support that Cameco Blind River has made over their 38 years and counting would require countless pages to communicate. They have always been an approachable corporation here in Blind River. As the General Manger of our local Junior A hockey team for 10 years I can personally account for this fact. The Blind River refinery has also been very strong in hiring locally. Many residences of our community are employed at the Blind River site which offers them stable employment with a great income and retirement packages.

We are very proud to have Cameco in our community and by recent public opinion polls so are 96% of residence.

In closing I just want to say that Milltown Motors Limited strongly believes that Cameco's Blind River refinery should be granted a 10-year licence renewal. This 10-year commitment allows my business to also plan for the future. Without Cameco here in Blind River not only will our local community struggle and many businesses will fail but so will the economies of many communities along the entire Northshore.

The impact that Cameco's Blind River refinery has made on our entire region is unmeasurable in its vast scope.

Sincerely,



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