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**Public Summary of Written
Submission from the Lac La Ronge
Indian Band**

**Résumé public du Mémoire de la
Bande indienne de Lac La Ronge**

In the matter of

À l'égard de

Denison Mines Corporation

Licence Application to Prepare Site and
Construct for Denison Mines' Wheeler
River Mine and Mill Project

Denison Mines Corporation

Demande de permis pour la préparation de
l'emplacement et la construction du projet
de mine et d'usine de concentration
d'uranium Wheeler River de Denison Mines

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Lac La Ronge Indian Band

Denison Mines Corp. Licence Application to Prepare Site and Construct for Denison Mines' Wheeler River Mine and Mill Project-Lac La Ronge Indian Band Written Submission Summary

Lac La Ronge Indian Band (LLRIB, the Band) is one of the ten largest Bands in Canada with over 13,000 members, 6 on-reserve communities, and over 44,000 hectares of reserve lands to manage. The LLRIB became a signatory to Treaty 6 on February 11th, 1889, however many LLRIB members reside and/or use land and waters within what is now known as Treaty 10 territory. LLRIB keeps the Protection of Treaty Rights as well as traditional and current land use by LLRIB membership at the forefront of any activity occurring within LLRIB territory and beyond. Ongoing engagement with LLRIB membership is a very important part of LLRIB operations and information gathered during engagement was utilized in the written submission.

LLRIB has been engaged with the Denison Mines Corp. (Denison) Wheeler River Mine and Mill Project (the Project) since 2019. As part of the CNSCs' licensing process, Denison has provided an Indigenous Engagement Report (IER) as part of their Environmental Assessment. LLRIB has focused their written submission on concerns and comments related to the IER. Following LLRIB's review of Denison's criteria to evaluate Indigenous communities', LLRIB seeks a re-evaluation of the category in which LLRIB has currently been placed in relation to the Project. LLRIB is currently listed in the "Other Indigenous Communities" category which is described as having a potential interest in the Project. LLRIB has assessed the Project location and various study areas presented in the EIS and deems LLRIB to instead be classified as an Indigenous Community of Interest. LLRIB requests that Denison work with LLRIB to complete a re-evaluation of LLRIB's level of involvement in the Project.

As part of this re-evaluation, LLRIB's written submission outlines their ongoing process to collect and formally record the traditional land and occupancy use of the LLRIB membership. LLRIB has a strong foundation within their Lands and Resources department that has accomplished traditional and occupancy use research and documentation. LLRIB is proud of the work they have completed recording traditional land use but understands that there are still more knowledge and history to collect. LLRIB values their collaborations with both government and industry and feel strongly that Indigenous peoples in the north have a role to play in the development of the lands and resources within their territories. LLRIB is proud of their accomplishments as a band and continues to see that growth every day. LLRIB has developed the capacity to provide resources, technical expertise, Indigenous knowledge, and support to land, resource, and development initiatives happening within their territory. LLRIB asks industry and the governments of Canada to think innovatively and collaboratively when working with LLRIB in ways that challenges current systems. As part of truth and reconciliation efforts in Canada, it is every Canadians and visitors' responsibility to improve current processes in working with Indigenous peoples.

With this submission LLRIB hopes industry and governments see the value in partnering with LLRIB. LLRIB thanks CNSC for providing financial support to participate in the licensing process and looks forward to working together in the future.