



**CMD 25-H9.9**

Date: 2025-10-23

**Written Submission from  
Des Nedhe Group**

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Des Nedhe Group**

In the matter of

À l'égard de

**Denison Mines Corporation**

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

**Denison Mines Corporation**

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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

**Commission Public Hearing**

**Audience publique de la Commission**

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Dear Commissioners,

*The Wheeler River Project is located within the boundaries of Treaty 10 and the Nhutsiye-kwi Benéne (Ancestral Lands) of the English River First Nation (ERFN). As the 100% community-owned economic development corporation, Des Nedhe Group is pleased to submit this written statement of support for inclusion in the public hearing record for **CMD 25-H9**.*

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We welcome the opportunity for the Commission to understand the perspective of Des Nedhe Group, as we are recognized across Canada as a leader in the cross section between own-source revenue generation and industry partnership. Our model demonstrates how Indigenous Nations can achieve both economic sovereignty and environmental responsibility through strong, values-based collaboration with industry partners like Denison Mines.

Des Nedhe Group and ERFN have previously provided full support for the Wheeler River Project following years of engagement, environmental review, and collaborative approaches with Denison Mines. That support was also affirmed through a community ratification vote held by ERFN members, confirming consent for the Project to proceed within our ancestral lands.

Denison has shown exceptional commitment to working with ERFN and Des Nedhe over the years, listening to community priorities, designing suitable mitigation measures, and ensuring that the benefits of development are tangible, long-term, and community driven.

In that same spirit, Des Nedhe Group has been working closely with Denison to ensure that our network of 21 companies, active in mining services, construction, land development, infrastructure, and professional services, is ready to support the Wheeler River Project. Our businesses and workforce are prepared to be deployed as soon as construction begins, ensuring that the economic benefits of this Project flow directly to Indigenous people and northern communities.

Denison Mines has consistently demonstrated respect for Indigenous rights, partnership, and community well-being. The company's approach aligns with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, by seeking and securing free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC), and by co-developing economic participation and ownership frameworks that build capacity, resiliency, and prosperity. Further, Des Nedhe will continue to support ERFN in environmental monitoring and impact management throughout construction.

We believe it would be consistent with Canada's commitments to reconciliation and Indigenous economic advancement to approve a project that is both technically and environmentally sound and has earned the full consent of the Nation on whose lands it will operate.



We respectfully request that this written submission be shared as part of the hearing proceedings for CMD 25-H9 and considered as a reflection of Des Nedhe Group's continued support for the Wheeler River Project.

We thank the Commission and its staff for their diligent oversight of this process and for recognizing the vital role Indigenous economic leadership plays in Canada's energy future.

Sincerely,

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