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**Written Submission from the
Saskatchewan Industrial and
Mining Suppliers Association
(SIMSA)**

**Mémoire de la
Saskatchewan Industrial and
Mining Suppliers Association
(SIMSA)**

In the matter of

À l'égard de

NexGen Energy Ltd.

License application to prepare a site for
and construct its Rook I uranium mine and
mill project

NexGen Energy Ltd.

Demande de permis concernant la
préparation de l'emplacement et la
construction de son projet de mine et
d'usine de concentration d'uranium Rook I

Commission Public Hearing

Audience publique de la Commission

February 2026

Février 2026

January 8th, 2026

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
c/o Registry
280 Slater St. PO Box 1046
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5S9

RE: The Saskatchewan Industrial and Mining Suppliers Association (SIMSA) Written and Oral Intervention – NexGen Energy Ltd. Rook I Project

SIMSA represents over 380 member companies in the energy, mining, and industrial sectors with a permanent physical office in Saskatchewan. This membership includes over 36,000 employees in our province with over \$18 billion in annual sales attributable to their Saskatchewan operations. We are the voice of the Saskatchewan supply chain and are arguably the third largest city in the province.

SIMSA members are committed to safe, sustainable, and environmentally responsible development; supporting Indigenous and local communities; and advancing Canada's position as a global supplier of critical minerals, including uranium for clean energy. Our members have been the backbone to Canada's uranium production for decades.

SIMSA understands that NexGen Energy Ltd is seeking both the approval of the Environmental Assessment under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 (CEAA 2012) and a Licence to Prepare a Site for and Construct a Uranium Mine and Mill under the Nuclear Safety and Control Act for its Rook I Project (Project) in northern Saskatchewan. SIMSA strongly supports the Project and advocates for these approvals.

As presented during the part 1 hearing, the Project possesses one of the most robust, economically resilient deposits in the world, and future operational production will be of significant global importance. NexGen has demonstrated its commitment to environmental excellence through designing the Project with features such as minimizing the disturbance footprint and progressively reclaiming tailings through cemented underground storage.

In addition, NexGen has demonstrated first-class social stewardship through its frequent and comprehensive engagement with Indigenous nations and local communities, which has included meaningful two-way discussions with residents, businesses, and people who use the land. As an outcome of NexGen's engagement activities, the potential effects of the Project to Indigenous rights have been accommodated through the Benefit Agreements signed with the nations that could be affected. While these agreements are specific to those Indigenous nations, SIMSA recognizes that NexGen is also committed to creating positive opportunities for as many people as possible.

SIMSA acknowledges that future large-scale projects need to be safe for both the environment and people who may have interactions with these projects. In this regard, NexGen has confirmed through the Environmental Assessment that there will be no significant adverse effects to people or the environment, which shows that the Project can be carried out in a safe and responsible manner.

NexGen has also committed to working with SIMSA towards increasing Saskatchewan supplier participation in the Project. Given that all of SIMSA's members have a permanent physical office in the province, by working with SIMSA, NexGen will see benefits flow into the province.

Overall, the Project will provide significant employment and contracting opportunities for local communities; programs that support youth, education, culture, health, wellness, and entrepreneurship; and numerous long-term benefits for both the province and the nation as a whole.

SIMSA recognizes the importance of advancing projects that serve Canada's national interest. We believe this project aligns squarely with federal priorities around energy security, trade diversification, and long-term competitiveness, and we urge the government to provide its full support.

Based on this belief and the facts and opinions presented above, SIMSA strongly urges the Commission to approve the Environmental Assessment for the Project and issue NexGen the Licence to Prepare a Site for and Construct a Uranium Mine and Mill.

Sincerely,



Eric Anderson,
Executive Director, SIMSA