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Via email: interventions@cnsccsn.gc.ca

Re: Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg (KZA) participation in the June 27 oral hearing for the Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF) Project

Dear President Velshi, Commission Members, and Commission Secretariat,

We are writing regarding Canadian Nuclear Laboratories' application to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission to construct a Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF) adjacent to the Kichi Sibi.

We regret to inform you that Elder Verna McGregor, our spokesperson at last year's NSDF hearing, is in hospital. We expect that Elder McGregor will make a full recovery. She will be unable to prepare our oral intervention in a timely manner for a June 27th hearing. We are asking for an extension to the hearing to allow KZA to find a replacement spokesperson and for preparatory time for Elder Verna McGregor to advise KZA spokesperson.

As noted in our previous correspondence, KZA has been working diligently and in good faith since the release of the Procedural Direction in July 2022. We appreciate having been granted an extension to May 8th for our supplementary written submissions.

We continue to consult with Leadership and our community. This engagement is essential to ensure that our rights and interests are respected.

We have also been meeting on a regular basis with CNSC Staff.

In the spirit of full consultation, and to allow us time to fully prepare for our oral presentation, we are requesting a 6 weeks delay for the hearing date. This would mean rescheduling the hearing for the week of August 8th.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Douglas Odjick', written in a cursive style.

Douglas Odjick

KZA Council Member, Natural Resources Portefolio Holder

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