



**Written submission from the
Mining Association of Canada**

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In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

**Cameco Corporation,
Cigar Lake Operation**

**Cameco Corporation,
établissement de Cigar Lake**

Application for the renewal of Cameco's
uranium mine licence for the Cigar Lake
Operation

Demande de renouvellement du permis de mine
d'uranium de Cameco pour l'établissement de
Cigar Lake

Commission Public Hearing

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RE: Mining Association of Canada (MAC) Written Intervention – Request for Licensing Decision – Cigar Lake Operation

The Mining Association of Canada (MAC) is writing to provide context for the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission's (CNSC) consideration of Cameco Corporation's (Cameco) request for licensing of their Cigar Lake operation in northern Saskatchewan. Cameco is an active MAC member.

MAC is the national organization representing the Canadian mining industry, comprising companies engaged in mineral exploration, mining, smelting, refining and semi-fabrication. Our members account for most of Canada's production of base and precious metals, uranium, diamonds, steelmaking coal, and mined oil sands. Our members are also among the largest industrial employers of Indigenous peoples in Canada.

MAC members, including Cameco, demonstrate their commitment to responsible mining through participation in Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM). TSM, established in 2004, is MAC's commitment to responsible mining. Mandatory for all MAC members, TSM requires the assessment and independent validation of 30 distinct and in-depth performance indicators addressing eight critical aspects of social and environmental performance. Each year, MAC members publicly report their performance against these indicators. In recent years, other mining associations around the world – in Spain, Finland, Norway, Botswana, Argentina, Brazil, the Philippines and Australia – have adopted TSM and are in different stages of implementation.

TSM is overseen by an independent, multi-interest advisory panel in each country. In Canada, MAC's Community of Interest Advisory Panel (COI Panel) includes participation of individuals from Indigenous organizations and governments, labour representatives, individuals involved

in finance, local mining communities, social and faith-based organizations, academics and those involved in international development. More information about MAC and TSM can be found on our website (mining.ca).

Each year, the TSM Excellence Awards honour companies that have done exemplary work in ensuring responsible mining practices. TSM Excellence Award recipients represent the best of the best when it comes to showcasing the innovative work being done by Canadian mining in environmental stewardship and community engagement. Established in 2014, the TSM Excellence Awards include the TSM Environmental Excellence Award and the TSM Community Engagement Excellence Award. To be eligible for the awards, mining companies must be actively implementing the TSM initiative. Annually, the COI Panel independently selects the award recipients.

Cameco was recently awarded the TSM Community Engagement Excellence Award for the Community Based Environmental Monitoring Program (CBEMP). The CBEMP is highly collaborative, and not only involves community members obtaining information on the quality of water and country foods it also integrates local community representatives into both steering the program and participating in sample collection. By involving community members directly in CBEMP's design and implementation, communities are able to provide significant input into the way information is collected, submitted and communicated. Effective collaboration between mining companies and local communities is essential to ensuring the positive relationships that can define the success of a mining operation. This program highlights the positive effect cooperative community-based monitoring can have in providing confidence in how mining operations are affecting those living in the local vicinity.

Cameco's participation in TSM and the company's leadership through programs like the CBEMP have helped raise the bar for the mining sector.

I hope the above information is useful to the CNSC as it works to reach a decision. If you have any questions about MAC or TSM, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pierre Gratton', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Pierre Gratton

President and CEO

Mining Association of Canada