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In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

**Cameco Corporation,
Blind River Refinery**

**Cameco Corporation,
Raffinerie de Blind River**

**Application to renew licence for Cameco
Corporation's Blind River Refinery**

**Demande de renouvellement de permis pour
la raffinerie de Blind River appartenant à
Cameco Corporation**

Commission Public Hearing

Audience publique de la Commission

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October 17, 2021

My request is to provide an oral submission to the BRR licensing process, giving a historical perspective of the safety performance of the refinery, the commitment to the environmental and community support. My experience/expertise is that I have more than 38 years of service at the BRR, starting my career as a field engineer for Lumus constructing the refinery, followed by 37+ years with Eldorado/Cameco in varying roles.

My final 19 years of employment with Cameco were as the General Manager of the refinery, where we saw many challenges but enjoyed many successes. As a strong team of employees we exceeded more than 14 consecutive years LTI free, in the current licensing period we have had no reportable environmental incidents, and had reached record low emissions. And the most enjoyable and proudest achievements was the relations that were created with the local communities. Over the years we have built strong community support by maintains strong communications with MFN, Blind River and other communities along the North Shore. This was supported by having a safe and environmentally friendly operation, maintains a diverse, and highly qualified work force, and the commitment to by a strong community partner.

During my career at Cameco I also built strong relationships with various regulatory groups, specifically the CNSC, and the IAEA. I had the opportunity to play a lead role in many hearings, license renewals and inspections. By providing an oral presentation it will also provide the Commission members an opportunity to ask me questions on my experience, and my knowledge of the Refineries history.

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