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**Written submission from
PBN Construction**

**Mémoire de
PBN Construction**

In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

**Cameco Corporation, Rabbit Lake
Operation**

**Cameco Corporation, établissement de
Rabbit Lake**

Application for the renewal of uranium
mine/mill licence for Rabbit Lake Operation

Demande visant le renouvellement du permis
d'exploitation de mine et d'usine de
concentration d'uranium pour l'établissement
de Rabbit Lake

Commission Public Hearing

Audience publique de la Commission

June 7-8, 2023

7-8 juin 2023



Secretariat, Senior Tribunal Officer
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
280 Slater St., Ottawa ON

April 24th, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Intervention Letter on Renewal Application for Cameco's Uranium Mine License for the Key Lake, Rabbit Lake and McArthur River Operations

It is with pleasure that PBN Construction (PBN) provides this letter in support of Cameco's application for the relicensing of Key Lake, Rabbit Lake and McArthur River Operations. PBN is owned by the Northern Village of Pinehouse Lake, and our company is focused on heavy civil construction, road maintenance, and labour services for the industrial industry.

Since the opening of the mine, Cameco has demonstrated themselves to exemplary environmental stewards and partners in Northern Saskatchewan. During the current licence term Cameco transitioned Rabbit Lake, Key Lake and McArthur River into a safe state care and maintenance, and recently, transitioned Key Lake and McArthur River back into production. Cameco did this while maintaining the safety of workers and the public and while protecting the environment due to the strength of our mature management systems. Further to this:

- Today Cameco has a well-earned reputation in Saskatchewan, across Canada and even internationally as a model for how to build positive, progressive partnerships between resource companies and traditional/Indigenous rights holders.
- Cameco has a long history of effectively engaging with communities in northern Saskatchewan, including Indigenous communities. The company has developed strong relationships in northern Saskatchewan, which is reflected in their ongoing work with northern people, communities, and businesses.
- Cameco has requested a 20-year licence renewal, which would provide Cameco with an increased level of regulatory and operational certainty for these operations, facilitate longer term capital investment, and see continued engagement and benefits.

In addition to the points outline above, the operation of facilities has left an indelible mark on the people of Northern Saskatchewan. More specifically, through the operation of the mine – approximately 60,000 manhours of work have been created for Pinehouse community member resulting in approximately \$2.0 M in direct wages. For a small, remote community of 1200 people, this economic activity has helped lift many families above the poverty line.

In closing, Cameco has been an exceptional partner and environmental steward and we are proud to stand shoulder to shoulder in support of their relicensing application. Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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

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