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Sent via Email

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**SUBJECT: Transition of the Amisk Hydroelectric Project to the  
*Impact Assessment Act***

Dear Karim Zariffa:

In follow-up to our [correspondence](#) dated May 20, 2025, and in response to your [letter](#) dated June 16, 2025, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) is writing to advise you that the Amisk Hydroelectric Project (the project) has been transitioned from an environmental assessment by Review Panel under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) to an impact assessment by Review Panel under the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA).

As per subsection 183(2.1) of the IAA, if the required information or studies are not provided within one year after the amended IAA comes into force (June 20, 2024), IAAC may decide that the environmental assessment of the project is to be continued as an impact assessment under the IAA, as if the impact assessment had been referred by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to a review panel under subsection 36(1) of the IAA. As the outstanding information required by the Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines has not been provided to IAAC, and no timeline has been communicated for its submission, IAAC has transitioned the project to the IAA. A [Notice of Transition](#) has been posted to the [Canadian Impact Assessment Registry](#) (the registry).

At this time, per the request in your [letter](#), IAAC will delay providing you with updated information and guidance pertaining to the IAA until March 31, 2026 or once you finalize partnership agreements, whichever occurs

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sooner. IAAC is agreeing to this delay to allow you to continue your engagement with Indigenous groups.

To facilitate the requested delay and to support the continuation of the project under the IAA, IAAC is requesting a workplan detailing how the additional time will be utilized, including:

1. details of proposed and planned engagement efforts that are to take place during the delay; and,
2. any data collection for required information and studies that may take place during the delay.

**IAAC intends to resume the impact assessment by April 2026**, unless you provide detailed rationale for further delay or request to terminate the assessment. Resuming the impact assessment will include revising the EIS guidelines to include applicable information or studies to meet the requirements of the IAA, engaging participants on the changes, and posting an updated Notice of Commencement. This work will be subject to cost recovery under the provisions of the *Cost Recovery Regulations*.

AHP Development Corporation will have up to three years from the issuance of the Notice of Commencement and revised Impact Statement guidelines to provide an impact statement with all relevant information or studies. If the information or studies are not provided within this time limit, the impact assessment will be terminated, pursuant to subsection 20(1) of the IAA.

Note that, if the impact assessment is terminated, the IAA will continue to apply. In accordance with subsection 7(1) of the IAA, a proponent of a designated project is prohibited from carrying out any act related to the project that may cause one of the effects listed therein.

If you wish to discuss any of the above, or have questions about the process, please do not hesitate to contact Kate Witherly at

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Sincerely,

<Sent electronically>

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