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**RE: Boat Harbour Remediation Project - Completion of the Technical Review**

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC), with input from federal authorities, Pictou Landing First Nation, and the public, conducted a technical review of the information provided by Build Nova Scotia for the environmental assessment (EA) of the Boat Harbour Remediation Project (the Project).

IAAC requested that Build Nova Scotia provide information and studies necessary for the purpose of conducting the EA and preparing the draft EA Report under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012). Build Nova Scotia has provided information, including:

- a draft Environmental Impact Statement submitted to IAAC on March 26, 2020; a revised draft on October 8, 2020;
- the final Environmental Impact Statement submitted to IAAC on November 18, 2020; and
- responses to two rounds of information requirements sent by IAAC in 2021.

Build Nova Scotia submitted the final response to the information requirements on February 7, 2024, prior to the time limit of August 28, 2024, under subsection 181(2.1) of the *Impact Assessment Act*. IAAC's view is that Build Nova Scotia has provided responses to the information requirements before the expiry to the time limit and that there is sufficient information under subsection 23(2) of CEAA 2012 for the purposes of IAAC's preparation of the draft EA Report and potential conditions.

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IAAC does not typically formally advise that it has sufficient information for the purposes of conducting the EA or preparing the draft EA Report per subsection 27(2) of the CEAA 2012. However, in light of the approaching date of the time limit of August 28, 2024, we are providing clarity on the completeness of the information.

IAAC has also received comments and reviews from Pictou Landing First Nation and federal authorities on the information noted above. All submissions with respect to the technical review are publicly available on the Project's Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (the Registry) page (Reference #80164).

IAAC will continue preparation of the draft EA Report and potential conditions using the information provided by Build Nova Scotia, as well as the perspectives of federal authorities, and Pictou Landing First Nation. The draft EA Report will include IAAC's draft conclusions on whether the Project is likely to cause significant adverse effects within areas of federal jurisdiction.

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The draft EA Report and potential conditions will be made available on the Registry for a public comment period. Participants in the EA will have an opportunity to provide further comment on the information provided by Build Nova Scotia and on IAAC's analysis and conclusions at that time. IAAC will consider any comments received in finalizing the EA Report and potential conditions before providing them to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to inform their decision-making under CEAA 2012. Please note that this letter will be posted to the Project's Registry page.

Should Build Nova Scotia have any questions, please contact me at Mike.Atkinson@iaac-aeic.gc.ca or 902-877-4404.

Sincerely,

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