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Agency File No: 80184

Dear Chief Bruce Achneepineskum:

Subject: Summary of Issues for the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) conducted comment periods from August 9, 2019, to August 29, 2019, and from September 11, 2019, to October 1, 2019, to invite participants to provide their perspective on any issues that they consider relevant in relation to the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project (the Project). All submissions received from Indigenous groups and the public are available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (reference # 80184).

A Summary of Issues document, which reflects the comments received by the Agency is included as Attachment 1 to this letter. The Summary of Issues provides a record of the issues raised. As it is a high-level summary, the Agency directs the proponent to review the original submissions posted on the Registry.

Pursuant to subsection 15(1) of the *Impact Assessment Act*, Marten Falls First Nation must provide the Agency with a Detailed Project Description that sets out how it intends to address the issues in the Summary of Issues and includes the information described in the *Information and Management of Time Limits Regulations* (the Regulations). The requirements for the Detailed Project Description are set out in section 4 and Schedule 2 of the Regulations. Please consult the Guide to Preparing an Initial Project Description and a Detailed Project Description at www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance/practitioners-guide-impact-assessment-act/guide-preparing-project-description-detailed-project-description.html for further information.

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Marten Falls First Nation is encouraged to provide meaningful responses to the issues documented in the Summary of Issues. The Summary of Issues and Marten Falls First Nation's responses will be used to inform the Agency's decision on whether to require an impact assessment for the Project, and to inform the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines, should an assessment be required. In preparing the response, there may be some issues that, in the view of Marten Falls First Nation, are outside of its care and control. In this situation, Marten Falls First Nation may choose to identify the party or parties with the potential to address the issue(s).

Please provide the Agency with your Detailed Project Description, including the response to the Summary of Issues, by November 10, 2019, or inform the Agency that more time is required. Marten Falls First Nation is strongly encouraged to contact the Agency in the next few days to discuss how much time will be required to produce the Detailed Project Description. If more than 30 days is required, please send a request to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada through the Agency at the address below, to ask that the Agency suspend the time limit until the required information is provided.

Important note: Marten Falls First Nation is reminded that all records produced, collected or received in relation to the impact assessment of the Project – unless prohibited under the *Access to Information Act* – will be considered public and posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site.

For ease of reference, the Agency requests that the response to the Summary of Issues be provided in a table with reference to other parts of the Detailed Project Description as warranted. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 416-476-8915 or iaac.MartenFalls.aeic@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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Project Manager

Attachments:

- 1- Summary of Issues for the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project

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