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Dear Colleagues:

**Subject: Notice of Commencement for the Marten Falls Community
Access Road Project**

Thank you for your continued participation in the planning phase of the federal impact assessment for the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project (the Project). On February 24, 2020, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) posted a Notice of Commencement on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site (the Registry) regarding an impact assessment pursuant to the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA) for the Project. The following documents have also been posted on the Registry:

- Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines
- Public Participation Plan
- Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan
- Cooperation Plan with the Province of Ontario
- Permitting Plan

All documents can be accessed on the Registry at <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80184>

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Next Steps

Pursuant to section 19(1) of IAA, the proponent for the Project, Marten Falls First Nation, must satisfactorily provide the Agency with the information or studies that are set out in the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines within three years from the date of the Notice of Commencement.

Cooperation between the Agency and the Province of Ontario

The Cooperation Plan (the Plan) was developed by the Agency in collaboration with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP), to set out intentions for a cooperative assessment process for the Project.

The Agency and MECP will strive to increase efficiency and certainty for proponents, as well as for the public and Indigenous groups, and ensure that the best available expertise is shared and applied. In accordance to the Plan, a coordinated assessment will result in one body of proponent documentation for review by provincial and federal experts. Information will be shared between the Agency and MECP, as appropriate.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 416-476-8915 or by email at iaac.MartenFalls.aeic@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

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