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Dear [NAME],

On February 10, 2020, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change determined that a regional assessment will be conducted in an area centred on the Ring of Fire mineral deposits in northern Ontario, approximately 540 kilometres northeast of Thunder Bay and 1,000 kilometres north of Toronto. The Minister directed the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) to engage with Indigenous groups, non-government organizations, the Province of Ontario and other federal departments to discuss appropriate activities, outcomes and spatial and temporal boundaries for the regional assessment.

In consideration of the preamble, purposes and provisions of the *Impact Assessment Act*, (the Act) the Agency has proposed that the goal of the regional assessment be as follows:

To provide information and analysis regarding future developments in the Ring of Fire area and their potential effects to inform and improve impact assessments and other planning and decision-making processes in a way that helps protect the environmental, health, social and economic conditions of the area while also creating opportunities for sustainable economic development.

In accordance with Section 100 of the Act, the Agency requests input from <<Department>> to inform the design of the regional assessment process and the development of the terms of reference for the assessment. The above-stated proposed goal of the regional assessment should be considered by participating departments when formulating their information and advice on this matter.

Please ensure that your designated official responds to the items detailed in the attachment to this letter by January 15, 2021. Any information requirements not specified in the attachment may also be provided. Your response will be posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site (the Registry). Note that, all records produced, collected or received that are relevant to the regional assessment will be posted on the Registry unless they are excluded for privacy or security reasons, or are determined to be otherwise protected or excluded.

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Thank you in advance for the participation of your department in planning the regional assessment in the Ring of Fire area. You will be contacted at a later date about opportunities for involvement in the eventual conduct of the regional assessment. Agency employees remain available should participants wish to discuss the regional assessment, and any questions about the regional assessment or the response form may be directed to Debra Myles at *IAAC.RegionalRoF-CdFRegionale.AEIC@Canada.ca*.

Sincerely,

Terence Hubbard

Enclosure:

Regional Assessment in the Ring of Fire Area

December 7, 2020

Federal Authority Advice Record

Response due to IAAC.RegionalRoF-CdFRegionale.AEIC@Canada.ca by January 22, 2021

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PART 1 – In providing your responses to the items below, please include any relevant information on associated Indigenous, public or other consultation or engagement activities and identify any partners or collaborations.

1. MANDATE AND AREA(S) OF EXPERTISE

Clearly outline the mandate of your department or agency and detail your area(s) of responsibility or expertise that may be related to the regional assessment

2. REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

List and summarize the nature of the regulatory authorities of your department or agency in relation to physical works or activities in the Ring of Fire area.

3. EXPERT INFORMATION OR KNOWLEDGE

List and summarize the specialists or expert information or knowledge that your department or agency has that may be relevant to the regional assessment. Include all research, reports and data sets in this response inventory.

4. POLICIES, PROGRAMS OR INITIATIVES

List and summarize the past, current and planned policies, programs or initiatives of your department or agency that may be relevant to the regional assessment. Include an outline of related funding initiatives in this response and provide information on geographic locations, next steps and timing for the program/initiative.

5. Outline any additional responsibilities, information or knowledge and any partners or collaborations that have not been specified, above.

PART 2 – To contribute to the design of the regional assessment process and development of the terms of reference, please provide information or advice in relation to the items below.

1. potential outcomes of the regional assessment;
2. relevant geographic and temporal boundaries;
3. factors to be considered in the regional assessment and the scope of those factors;
4. means of communication and engagement that would best facilitate participation of your department or agency in the regional assessment; and
5. input or advice on any other aspect of the regional assessment.