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Ms. Sylvie Vachon President and Chief Executive Officer Montreal Port Authority <personal information removed>

Dear Ms. Vachon:

On behalf of the Honourable John Wilkinson, Minister of Environment Climate Change Canada, thank you for your letter dated October 6, 2020, indicating general support of the Request for Regional Assessment of the St. Lawrence River area in Quebec, submitted by the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke on July 29, 2020.

This regional assessment request was received and considered by the Minister of the Environment, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *Impact* Assessment Act (IAA), and a response has been issued to the requestor. Following careful consideration and analysis of the request from the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke, your letter, and other available and applicable information, the Minister has determined that there are potential merits of conducting such a regional assessment. It has been determined that further analysis and engagement is required before a decision is made to move forward with a regional assessment. The Minister's response to the request, with reasons, is available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site: https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80913.

Any further questions can be directed to Dr. Steve Bonnell, Manager - Strategic and Regional Assessments, by email at Stephen.Bonnell@canada.ca or by telephone at (709) 682-4192. Thank you again for your letter and we look forward to your ongoing participation.

Sincerely,

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