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Dear Cindy Yin:

Subject: Summary of Issues for the Value Chain Solutions - Heartland Complex Expansion Project

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) conducted a public comment period from November 19, 2020 to December 9, 2020, inviting participants to provide feedback related to the Value Chain Solutions - Heartland Complex Expansion Project (the Project). Submissions received from Indigenous groups, federal authorities, and the public are available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (reference # 81148).

A Summary of Issues document, which reflects the issues submitted to the Agency during the comment period, is enclosed with this letter. As it is a high-level summary, the Agency directs Value Chain Solutions Inc. to review the original submissions posted on the Registry and to consider the full context in which the comments were provided.

Please note that due to the impacts of the current COVID-19 pandemic, some interested parties may not have had the opportunity or capacity to provide comments during the comment period on the summary of the Initial Project Description. The Agency will continue to accept comments from interested parties. Value Chain Solutions Inc. is encouraged to review and consider any comments submitted within a reasonable time period after the close of the comment period when preparing the response to the Summary of Issues. The Agency will consider all comments received in its development of the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines.

Pursuant to subsection 15(1) of the *Impact Assessment Act*, Value Chain Solutions Inc. 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.

Value Chain Solutions Inc. is encouraged to provide meaningful responses to the issues included in the Summary of Issues. The Summary of Issues and Value Chain Solutions Inc.'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 information requirements and plans for the impact assessment, should one be required. In particular, Value Chain Solutions Inc. may find value in reviewing the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines Template, as it relates to the issues raised, at <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance/practitioners-guide-impact-assessment-act/tailored-impact-statement-guidelines-projects-impact-assessment-act.html>. The Agency will use the information provided in the Detailed Project Description, Response to Summary of Issues, and comments provided to the Agency to inform the development of the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines for this Project, should an impact assessment be required. The template provides the types of information that will be required in the impact statement.

In preparing the response, there may be some issues that, in the view of Value Chain Solutions Inc., are outside of its care and control. In this situation, Value Chain Solutions Inc. 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 January 16, 2021, or inform the Agency that more time is required. Value Chain Solutions Inc. is strongly encouraged to contact the Agency by January 8, 2021, to discuss how much time will be required to produce the Detailed Project Description. If more than 30 days is required, please notify the Agency in writing and request that the Agency suspend the time limit until the required information is provided.

Important note: Value Chain Solutions Inc. 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 the Project.

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 (587) 357-6484 or IAAC.Heartland.AEIC@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

<transmitted electronically>

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Enclosure: Value Chain Solutions - Heartland Complex Expansion Project -
Summary of Issues

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