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SUBJECT: Initial Project Description for the Shaakichiuwaanaan Mining Project

Dear Cathryn Moffett,

On February 14th, 2025, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) received an Initial Project Description for the Shaakichiuwaanaan mining project (the Project) from Patriot Battery Metals. The Joint Assessment Committee, consisting of representatives of IAAC and the Cree Nation Government, determined that the Project meets the definition of a designated project under the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA) and that the Initial Project Description meets the requirements of the *Information and Management of Time Limits Regulations*.

The Joint Assessment Committee will conduct a comment period to provide an opportunity for Indigenous jurisdictions, Indigenous groups, the public and federal authorities to identify the issues in relation to the proposed project that may be of relevance or concern to them. All submissions received during the comment period will be posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (the Registry) internet page for the Project.

The Joint Assessment Committee will aim to provide you with a Summary of Issues that summarizes the issues raised, within 10 calendar days of the close of the public comment period. This document will also be posted on the Registry. You will be required to provide a response to each of the issues explaining how you intend to address them.

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The Summary of Issues and your responses will be used to inform IAAC's decision on whether an impact assessment is required for the Project, along with consideration of the other factors outlined in subsection 16(2) of the IAA. They will also inform development of the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines, should IAAC decide that an impact assessment is required. If more information is needed to inform the determination of whether an impact assessment is required, IAAC may require additional information or a Detailed Project Description.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Louis-Pierre Tanguay, Acting Project Manager at IAAC, by e-mail louis-pierre.tanguay@iaac-aeic.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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