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Pierre River Mine
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Attention: Jill Adams, Panel Manager

Dear Madam:

**Re: Joint Review Panel - Pierre River Mine Project
Reference number 59539**

We represent the federal authorities (including Environment Canada, Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Transport Canada, Health Canada, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, and Natural Resources Canada) in this matter and write in respect of the Panel's letter of November 19, 2014 in which it requested public comments on:

- Shell's recommendation that the Panel should provide a ruling as to the appropriateness of the methodologies being used in order to give guidance to Shell in the development of responses to the Round 2 supplemental information requests (R2 SIRs)

The Panel noted that it may consider conducting a pre-hearing process, if it appears that there is an interest or need for such a process.

The above noted federal authorities take no position on whether the Panel should provide a ruling at this stage on the appropriateness of the methodologies being used; however, they would reserve the right to make submissions on those methodologies at whatever stage of the hearing process the Panel deems it appropriate to consider such matters.

Please contact me or my colleague James Elford should you have any further questions.

Yours truly,

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