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Dear Ms. Griffiths,

Evergreen Marine Corporation (Taiwan) Ltd. is a global marine and intermodal shipping carrier that is transporting containerized cargo between ports and destinations in more than 80 countries aboard our extensive merchant fleet of over 200 vessels today. Starting out in 1968 with one cargo vessel Evergreen is now one of the leading brands in the global shipping industry. CN rail is a valued partner of Evergreen in Canada and we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed Milton Logistics Hub.

At Evergreen we strive to exceed our customers' expectations and provide timely service that keeps our customers competitive in global trade. CN rail is a critical part of our supply chain network. Currently Evergreen operates services in all major western Canadian ports in conjunction with the Prince Rupert Port Authority, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority as well as via the Port Authority of Halifax in the east. With ninety-five per cent of our volume into Canada being contracted with the CN rail as a transportation provider we expect a high and consistent level of performance in order to meet our customers' logistical needs.

The demand for goods across Canada is strong with the greatest demand in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). Approximately 67% of Evergreen's imports in Canada are to Toronto. That is roughly 500 forty-foot equivalent units (FEU) per week. Expanding inland capacity in Canada to accommodate the continued demand for goods is essential to ensure the efficient movement of goods to and from key Canadian markets. A new facility in Milton would help alleviate the congestion at CN's Brampton Intermodal Terminal (BIT), the main intermodal facility serving this important market. CN rail has provided exemplary customer service despite the constraints caused by this congestion. However, the service is not sustainable in the longer term as the demand for goods continues to increase.

Evergreen is committed to serving world trade by providing the most efficient transportation services. Without increased capacity in the GTHA efficiency will be compromised and costs will increase due to limited transportation alternatives. The Milton Logistics Hub offers a solution to address capacity concerns in the GTHA and help businesses remain globally competitive by meeting the increasing demand for goods in the region.

We believe that the Milton Logistics Hub is critical to the economic growth of the GTHA and will play an important role in the growth of the Canadian economy. We support CN rail's proposal for the Milton Logistics Hub and trust that the Panel will consider this recommendation. Again, we appreciate the opportunity to provide our comments on this matter.

Sincerely, <Original signed by>

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