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Re: Comments on the draft conditions and approval of the CN Milton Logistics Hub

Dear Impact Assessment Agency of Canada and Minister Wilkinson:

On behalf of the Oakville Chamber of Commerce and our Board of Directors, we are writing to express our continued support for the approval and construction of the CN Milton Logistics Hub. The Oakville Chamber has written in support of this vital project previously and participated in the public hearing on the project in July 2019. We are pleased to have the opportunity to comment on the draft conditions.

The Oakville Chamber of Commerce is the voice of the Oakville business community, focused on fostering a healthy, engaged, and sustainable business environment. Like so many cities and towns across Canada, businesses in our community have faced unprecedented challenges due to the economic impact of COVID-19. The time is now to turn our attention to economic recovery and stability.

It is more critical than ever that the Milton Logistics Hub proceeds in order to help rebuild our local, regional, and national economies in the short term and to strengthen our national supply chain in the long term, which will enable us to better respond to future disruptions. We welcome the prospect of a new intermodal facility in Milton to help businesses in Halton and throughout the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area survive and thrive and to ensure a reliable and fluid supply chain across Canada.

The Review Panel's report indicated that the project effects are small and manageable and can be addressed through measures to avoid and minimize potential effects. We support reasonable conditions for the project, as long as they are practical in implementation and not counter to the intended purpose of this facility, which is to create greater supply chain fluidity and efficiency.



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This is a private sector-funded, shovel-ready project that will not only help the growing logistics and distribution sector in Halton Region but also businesses across Ontario. The project is urgently needed so it is our hope that the conditions are drafted to allow construction to commence as soon as possible, without unreasonable delay.

CN is a valued partner and has a long history in this community. We are confident the CN Milton Logistics Hub will continue to add to the economic and social fabric of Halton in a very positive way. We urge the federal government to approve this project with reasonable, practical conditions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft potential conditions for this project.

Sincerely,

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