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**Re: Reference Number 80100 – CN Milton Logistics Hub**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of Hapag-Lloyd (Canada) Inc. to once again express support for the Milton Logistics Hub project and offer comments on the draft project conditions.

Hapag-Lloyd is a world-leading global liner shipping company, with 239 modern ships operating in 129 countries and transporting 12 million TEU of container cargo around the world per year. We are the largest steamship line in Canada, visiting the ports of Vancouver, Prince Rupert, Montreal and Halifax – at which CN Rail is our trusted transportation partner. We provide a wide range of weekly services to and from the west and east coasts of Canada, linking the country with lucrative markets around the world.

Intermodal transportation is increasingly becoming the preferred method of shipment for exporters around the world and we are seeing noticeable growth in containerized shipments destined for and originating from North America. The efficient and economical movement of goods to and from North America is essential for a thriving economy. It is therefore vital that Canada continue to encourage infrastructure like the Milton Logistics Hub that is needed to support an efficient supply chain locally, nationally and internationally. The Milton Logistics Hub will increase the intermodal capacity in southern Ontario—Canada’s most populous and fastest growing region—and support the nation’s trade goals and strengthen the economy. Without the inland capacity to move the increased volumes of cargo to market, there will be increased congestion in transportation networks across the country that will cost millions of dollars and impact Canada’s reputation as a reliable trading nation.

For these reasons, Hapag-Lloyd supports the imposition of project conditions that meet social and environmental objectives, while also ensuring the supply chain can flow effectively and the project developed quickly and without delay. This project will help ensure Canada remains competitive as a player in the global container trade industry by developing the most efficient and reliable supply chain in North America.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,



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