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Via email: iaac.conditions.aeic@canada.ca

Re: Reference Number 80100 - CN Milton Logistics Hub

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of ZIM Integrated Shipping Services Co. (Canada) Ltd., I am writing to express support for CN's Milton Logistics Hub and comment on the project conditions. ZIM is one of the leading carriers in the global container shipping industry, transporting Canadian import and export products throughout the world.

CN Rail has been a trusted partner of ZIM since 1972, providing rail service for the majority of our business moving in and out of southern Ontario. CN's rail network has always provided efficient and cost-effective service; however, an increase in demand for container shipping of goods through this region to the Vancouver and Halifax gateways has induced congestion in CN's network in the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area (GTHA). The Brampton Intermodal Terminal (BIT) is currently operating at capacity and cannot handle additional business, yet international intermodal business continues to grow. The Milton Logistics Hub is needed to provide the much-needed additional capacity to the region and sustain the future GTHA economic growth and demand.

It is our opinion that the conditions imposed on this project should be as reasonable as possible with regards to social and environmental responsibility, while allowing it to be developed swiftly in order to provide the necessary service to southern Ontario as soon as possible. Any further delays to the completion of this project will impose additional costs on business in this region as the movement of goods remains constrained, stifling economic growth.

Thank you for allowing us to provide you our input on the Milton Logistics Hub and its draft conditions. We look forward to further discussions on this important project.

Sincerely, <Original signed by>

Volker Kluge President

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