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Dear Ms. Fitzgerald,

Re: Invitation to comment on the Draft Environmental Assessment Report and Draft Potential Federal Conditions for the Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Outlet Channels Project

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft environmental assessment report and draft potential federal conditions for the Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Outlet Channels Project.

At this time, INFC would like to indicate the department's role as a relevant authority¹ with respect to the potential issuance of funding for the Project.

INFC requires that the Proponent submit to INFC documentation for any condition or follow up program where consultation with Indigenous groups is required, demonstrating:

- the notice of the opportunity for the parties being consulted to present their views and information on the subject matter of the consultation,
- sharing of all information available and relevant to the scope and the subject matter of the consultation and a reasonable period of time agreed upon with the parties being consulted to prepare their views and information,
- impartial consideration of all views and information presented by the parties being consulted on the subject matter of the consultation;
- discussion of opportunities for the participation of Indigenous groups in the implementation of a follow-up program, including training, the conduct of monitoring, the analysis and reporting of

¹**Draft Condition 1.38**

Relevant authorities means federal and provincial authorities that are in possession of specialist or expert information or knowledge, or that have a responsibility for the administration of a law or regulation, with respect to the subject matter of a condition set out in this document.

follow-up results and whether modified or additional mitigation measure(s) are required; and

- the written communication to Indigenous groups explaining how the view and information received have, or have not, been integrated into the subject matter of the consultation by the Proponent, including a rationale for why the view have, or have not, been integrated, for any of the conditions.

INFC may also request other documentation in order to fulfil its obligations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you, _____

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