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Dear Ms. Caitlin Cafaro,

Subject: Marten Falls Community Access Road Project – Review Panel Request

Aroland First Nation recommends that the federal impact assessment for the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project (the Project) be referred to a Review Panel by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change under the *Impact Assessment Act*. The Review Panel must include an Indigenous representative with knowledge of Treaty No. 9 and the geopolitical considerations surrounding development related to the Ring of Fire. Aroland First Nation should be provided an opportunity to recommend or comment on Review Panel appointees.

The proposed Project is over 200 km of new road right-of-way through ecologically sensitive and culturally sacred lands. Based on the nature and the extent of potential impacts associated with the Project on Aroland First Nation's rights and Territory, we believe a Review Panel is the most appropriate mechanism for assessing the potential impacts of the Project under the *Impact Assessment Act*.

Respectfully,

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