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July 31, 2020

Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
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Attention: David McGovern, President and CEO

Dear Mr. McGovern:

RE: Request for Designation of the Castle Project under s. 19(a) of the Schedule to the *Physical Activities Regulations* and s. 9(1) of the *Impact Assessment Act*

As the closest community to Teck's Fording River Operations and its Castle Project, the District of Elkford supports the Castle Project and recognizes its significance to the long-term sustainability of our community. We will continue to be an active and engaged participant during the environmental assessment permit process in addressing the needs of Elkford to ensure our community remains an attractive and viable place for all to live and work.

Under current legislation, we understand that the Castle Project does not trigger a federal assessment. The District of Elkford supports, and is committed to, the Provincial Environmental Assessment process as outlined in British Columbia's Environmental Assessment Act which we believe will provide significant opportunity for all stakeholders, including the District of Elkford, to provide their input on the Castle Project.

It is the request of the District of Elkford that this project proceed under existing legislation following the Provincial Environmental Assessment and not undergo a Federal Assessment under the Impact Assessment Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this important project for our community.

Respectfully,

<Original signed by>

Dean McKerracher
Mayor

PC: Honourable Seamus O'Regan, P.C., M.P. Minister of Natural Resources
Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C. M.P Minister of Environment and Climate Change

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