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The Honourable Steven Guilbeault  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada  
House of Commons  
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Terence Hubbard  
President  
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada  
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March 17, 2023

*To the Attention of: The Honourable Steven Guilbeault and Mr. Terence Hubbard*

**Subject: The Crawford Nickel Federal Impact Assessment**

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Dear Minister Guilbeault and Mr. Hubbard,

We are writing in regards to Canada Nickel Company's (**CNC**) Crawford Nickel Project (the **Crawford Project**) and the federal impact assessment process (the **Assessment Process**) proceeding under the *Impact Assessment Act*.

The **City of Timmins** is pleased with how the Assessment Process for the Crawford Project has proceeded thus far, as well as the opportunities that have been provided to us by both IAAC and CNC to provide comment. We fully support an Assessment Process led by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (**IAAC**) and believe that if the IAAC implements the draft Public Participation Plan and finalizes the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines, similar to their draft form, our municipality and its residents will have an opportunity to participate meaningfully in the Assessment Process.

We were made aware of the letter submitted to your attention by Apitipi Anicinapek Nation. We wanted to ensure that comment from the City of Timmins also be recorded.

CNC has provided continuous and timely information to the City of Timmins, and to myself personally, about the Crawford Project on various occasions between January 2022 and February 2023. The company has provided us with detailed information about the Crawford Project, including currently known, and plans to further confirm, potential environmental effects



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associated with the Crawford Project. We anticipate fully participating in the Assessment Process, including by providing input into assessment methodologies and mitigation measures.

While the City of Timmins appreciates that the Crawford Project expects to meet the demand for critical minerals and help Canada achieve its net zero objectives, we have especially valued the collaborative and transparent approach taken by CNC. CNC has made clear their willingness to receive, listen and engage with any concerns we may have related to the Project, and our questions have been met with transparent and robust responses.

**We support a timely and robust Assessment Process for the Crawford Project and believe that it is in the public interest for IAAC to lead the Assessment Process to meet the objectives of the *Impact Assessment Act*.**

We thank you for taking the time to review our response and look forward to further collaboration throughout the remainder of the Assessment Process.

Warmest regards,

<Original signed by>

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