

Enclosure 1: Guiding Questions for Designation Requests**Please respond by December 19, 2022****Designation Request for the Proposed Clearwater Peat Harvesting Project under the *Impact Assessment Act*****Potential Effects and Impacts**

1. Please describe whether and how the potential adverse effects of the Project could result in changes to your community's:

(a) physical and cultural heritage (e.g. ceremonial sites, burial sites, cultural landscapes)

The proposed project falls within Métis Nation of Alberta Harvesting area D, a significant area where Métis practice hunting and harvesting.

(b) current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes (e.g. hunting, fishing, trapping)

This area is used for hunting and harvesting medicinal plants.

(c) structures, sites or things of historical, archaeological, paleontological or architectural significance (e.g. artifacts, important historic buildings or symbols)

More research is needed to identify and understand the historical, archaeological, paleontological, and architectural sites of significance in and around the project area, and the impacts to those sites that may result from the proposed project.

2. Please describe how the Project may result in changes (both positive and negative) to your community's :

(a) health, social or economic conditions (e.g. employment opportunities, easier access to goods and services, economic development, accessibility to health-care services);

If we lose more harvesting area we may not be able to access traditional medicines, A lot of our urban community uses this area to hunt and fish, as the areas south are not accessible and a lot of our traditional medicines are over harvested in the south.

The way peat is harvested, the removal of other vegetation with in the area may negatively impact the eco system enough that fishing or trapping or even hunting may be affected negatively. Animals and plants may migrate further away or be lost all together.

Possible job procurement may be a positive impact on the Métis Nation and it's citizens, however the proponent has not engaged the MNA or MNA Region 3 to discuss this matter to date.

(b) Indigenous knowledge, Indigenous language or Indigenous culture.

More research is needed to identify and understand how the project may positively or negatively affect the Indigenous Knowledge, Languages, or Culture of Métis Nation of Alberta Citizens or the Métis Nation within Alberta as a whole.

3. Please describe how the Project may result in any change (positive or negative) to :

(a) the intersection of sex and gender with other identity factors (would there be effects to different sub-groups within your community, identified based on factors such as gender, age, race, religion etc.. For example, to women, youth, elders);

Without conducting a more in-depth study it is difficult to determine the positive or negative effects of the proposed project on the intersection of sex and gender with other identity factors.

(b) sustainability, considering, for example, the interconnectedness and interdependence of human-ecological systems and the well-being of present and future generations.

Because of the varying information regarding how Peat is harvested, the sustainability of removing that product could negatively affect the local ecosystem and any changes to that area would affect our traditional, and harvest rights in a negative way.

4. If you expect the Project may impact your community's rights as protected under section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, please describe how.

This project is likely to impact the section 35 rights of Métis citizens living in Alberta by reducing available lands to exercise harvesting rights, and changes to the ecosystem as a result of resource extraction that in turn affect the ability to exercise harvesting rights. The extent and severity of these impacts is difficult

to quantify without more information about the proposed project and without a more formal analysis of the project area within the context of Métis rights.

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