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Submitted by email: Sturgeon@iaac-aeic.gc.ca

Subject: Natural Resources Canada Comments on the Initial Project Description and Federal Authority Advice Record for Cando Sturgeon Rail Terminal West Expansion Project

Dear Colleague,

On March 5, 2024, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) requested that Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) comment on the Initial Project Description (IPD) and complete the Federal Authority Advice Record (FAAR).

NRCan is submitting this response pursuant to section 23 of the *Impact Assessment Act*. Details of NRCan's response can be found in Appendix A: Cando Sturgeon Rail Terminal West Expansion Project, Federal Authority Advice Record.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact me by email at Natalie.Robinson@nrca-nrcan.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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CC: Christina Clarke; Peter Unger

Appendix A: Federal Authority Advice Records

Appendix A: Federal Authority Advice Record (FAAR)**The FAAR must be submitted to the Registry by April 4, 2024**Cando Sturgeon Rail Terminal West Expansion Project – Cando Rail and Terminals Ltd.
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1. a) Is it probable that your department or agency may be required to exercise a power or perform a duty or function related to the Project to enable it to proceed?

If yes, specify the Act of Parliament and that power, duty or function.

- b) Please describe any Indigenous or public consultation that will be undertaken in relation to the exercise of that power, duty or function, including when it would take place.

Based on the information provided in the Initial Project Description, it is not expected that Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) will be required to issue an authorization under the *Explosives Act*.

However, should the project require the storage of explosives on the site, NRCan may be required to issue an authorization for explosives magazines as per the *Explosives Act* and regulations. Should an application be submitted, NRCan's Explosives Regulatory Division may undertake Indigenous or public consultation.

2. Is your department or agency in possession of specialist or expert information or knowledge in one of your fields of expertise that may be relevant to the conduct of an impact assessment of the Project?

Specify the specialist or expert information or knowledge.

NRCan does not have expertise available to support this review at this time.

NRCan may further revise its areas of expertise related to the Project's impact assessment as more information becomes available during the subsequent phases of the review process.

Appendix A: Federal Authority Advice Record (FAAR)

3. Has your department or agency exercised a power or performed a duty or function under any Act of Parliament in relation to the Project; or taken any course of action that would allow the Project to proceed in whole or in part?

Please specify if applicable.

NRCan has not taken any course of action, or exercised a power or performed a duty or function that would allow the Project to proceed.

4. Has your department or agency had previous contact or involvement with the proponent or other party in relation to the Project (for example: an enquiry about methodology, guidance, or data; introduction to the Project)?

Please provide an overview of the information or advice exchanged.

NRCan has not had previous contact or involvement with the proponent or other party in relation to the Project.

5. Does your department or agency have additional information or knowledge about the project not specified above, including information about its geographic, environmental, economic or social context (for example, location of protected or sensitive areas, history between local communities and proponent or similar projects, local or regional social or economic concerns)?

Please specify if applicable.

Based on the information available, NRCan does not have additional information or knowledge about the project at this time.

6. From the standpoint of your department's mandate and expertise, what are the main issues concerning the project?

For each key issue, please:

- describe the effect or the nature of the issue, including any relevant context;
- provide the rationale and/or evidence for why it is a key issue;
- briefly provide solutions to the issue, including information or studies that, if applicable, should be requested to the proponent in the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines, potential mitigation measures, or regulatory requirements relevant to the issues;
- provide a concise, plain-language summary of the issue for inclusion in the Summary of Issues.

The information provided will be taken into consideration by the Agency to formulate an opinion on whether an impact assessment is required and, if applicable, will be taken into account in developing project-specific Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines in the next steps of the impact assessment process.

Please use Table 1 to answer this question.

NRCan has no comments at this time.

Appendix A: Federal Authority Advice Record (FAAR)

7. If applicable, specify any additional information the proponent could provide in the Detailed Project Description or in its response to the Summary of Issues that:
- would make it possible to verify whether certain minor issues could be addressed and managed by clear measures, existing guidelines, other regulatory processes or other existing tools;
 - help the Agency to provide an opinion if an impact assessment is required, or
 - would support the tailoring of the Impact Statement Guidelines if the Agency is of the opinion that an impact assessment is required.

These clarifications and additional information will be included as specific questions/issues in the Summary of Issues provided to the proponent at this time.

Please use Table 2 to answer this question.

[NRCan has not identified any additional information that the proponent could provide in the Detailed Project Description or in the response to the Summary of Issues.](#)

Natural Resources Canada -Impact Assessment Division
Name of department or agency involved

Senior Impact Assessment Officer-Natalie Robinson
Speaker title

April 4, 2024
Date