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Re: FPX Nickel's Baptiste Nickel Project

Impact Assessment Agency of Canada and BC Environmental Assessment Office
Via email to Baptiste-Nickel@iaac-aeic.gc.ca

To Whom it May Concern,

The Baptiste Nickel Project, as described in its Initial Project Description, represents a major long-term economic opportunity for the community of Prince George. As the regional service hub for central British Columbia, Prince George is positioned to capture a substantial share of the jobs, business activity, and public revenues associated with the project.

For Prince George, particularly as the community continues to diversify in response to long-term declines in the forestry sector, the anticipated 600 regional jobs per year over 30 years is significant. Such sustained job creation would help buffer the community against cyclical downturns in other sectors and support workforce retention, population stability, and family income security.

Prince George businesses stand to benefit extensively from the project's contracting and procurement activity. With \$2.9B in initial capital investment and an additional \$1B planned for Phase 2 expansion, the Baptiste Project could generate long-term demand for many of key sectors identified in our Economic Development Strategy. Local companies, including Indigenous-owned enterprises, will have significant opportunities to participate in these contract streams.

The Baptiste Nickel Project can be a major contributor to the mosaic of long-term economic stability and diversification for Prince George the City seeks to attract for the economic health of the community. The steady employment, contracting activity, and private sector investment in the region positions the community to benefit over the coming decades. As Prince George continues to navigate economic transitions, the Baptiste Project offers an opportunity to sustain and grow the region's workforce, strengthen local businesses, and reinforce the community's role as a regional economic centre.

Sincerely,

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