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WHITOUT PREJUDICE

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Subject: Acceptance of Proposal to encourage LPFN's participation in the public hearing on the Horne 5 project

Dear M. Zayed,

I am writing to confirm Long Point First Nation's (hereinafter "LPFN") acceptance of your proposal to hold two public hearings of the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement (hereinafter the "BAPE") regarding the Horne 5 project (hereinafter the "Project") in our community on October 3, 2024, as outlined in your recent correspondence dated August 20, 2024. We appreciate the BAPE's efforts to facilitate meaningful dialogue regarding the proposed Project.

The details of the engagement sessions, as described in your letter, align with our expectations for thorough and transparent discussions. We look forward to the afternoon session, where the initiator/proponent will present the Project and respond to inquiries, and the evening session, which will allow our members to express their opinions on the Project.

Given that the submission deadline memorandums concerning the Project precedes the scheduled public hearings in our community, we have sought an extension of this timeline. We look forward to receiving the BAPE's decision on our request.

We acknowledge that the sessions will take place in English and support the inclusion of simultaneous translation services in both French and Anishinaabemowin, as this will ensure that all participants can fully engage in the process. We take for granted that you will take responsibility for the hiring and arrangement of the simultaneous translation services, as stated in your proposal.

We trust that you will coordinate these arrangements to meet the needs of our community effectively.

It is important to emphasize, however, that while we are willing to participate in the BAPE public hearings, this does not equate to fulfilling the Crown's constitutional duty to consult with LPFN regarding the potential impacts of the proposed Project on our constitutionally protected rights. The engagement sessions are a valuable opportunity for dialogue, but they do not replace nor diminish the Crown's obligation to conduct a comprehensive consultation and accommodation process with our community, as required by law.

To ensure meaningful and constructive participation in this process, LPFN requires financial assistance, as our current capacity is limited. Therefore, we are requesting your financial support to offset the costs incurred by our involvement in the public hearings. We kindly ask that you provide us with guidance on where and to whom this funding request should be addressed so that we may proceed accordingly.

To facilitate logistical arrangements for the public hearings and assist our community in preparing for the event, LPFN has employed two community members, Priscilla Pichette Polson and Mahigan Mathias. We request that any further correspondence regarding logistical matters be addressed to them.

We thank you for your attention to this matter and for your commitment to ensuring that our community's voice is heard. We look forward to the engagement sessions and to a continued constructive dialogue.

In spirit of truth and reconciliation.

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Vice-Chief Amy Zachary for Chief Henry Rodgers
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