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Sent via email: Amna.Mackin@gov.mb.ca

SUBJECT: Review of Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure's supplemental submission to the Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Outlet Channels Project Information Request Round 1 Package 1 responses of May 31, 2022

Dear Amna Mackin:

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) determined that Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure's (MTI) supplemental submission of June 30, 2022 to the Round 1 Information Request (IRs) responses, submitted on May 31, 2022, for the Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Outlet Channels Project (the Project) is sufficient for the purpose of moving forward with the technical review.

The Agency will continue its technical review of the complete responses to the Round 1 IRs. The supplemental information will be posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet Site, and federal authorities, Indigenous groups, and the RM of Grahamdale will be invited to comment.

The outcomes of the technical review of the responses will inform whether required information remains that is necessary to determine whether the Project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects and to inform the Agency's preparation of the EA Report under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012). The Agency, with input from federal authorities, Indigenous groups, and the RM of Grahamdale, may request further information.

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Next Steps:

As of July 4, 2022, the federal legislated time limit within which the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change's (the Minister) decision must be made will resume. In accordance with subsections 23(2) and 27(6) of the CEEA 2012, the period of time used by a proponent to provide the information and study requirements of the Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines is not included in the calculation of the time limit within which the Minister must make a decision.

Following the technical review of the responses to Round 1 IRs, should the Agency determine that additional information is required to complete the environmental assessment, the Agency will request the information from MTI and the federal legislated time limit will pause.

Should MTI have any questions regarding the technical review of the responses to Round 1 IRs, please contact me at Sean.Carriere@iaac-aeic.gc.ca or 416-436-7357.

Sincerely,

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