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Dear Pierre-Philippe Dupont:

SUBJECT: Impact Statement for the Proposed Crawford Nickel Project

On November 22, 2024, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) received the Impact Statement for the Crawford Nickel Project (the Project) from Canada Nickel Company (the Proponent). IAAC has determined that the Impact Statement complies with accessibility and formatting requirements and contains adequate information to proceed with a technical review and comment period.

IAAC will conduct a 60-day public comment period from December 9, 2024 to February 7, 2024, on the Impact Statement Summary for the Project to determine whether all information and studies have been provided as set out in the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and required for the conduct of the impact assessment.

IAAC will also consult Indigenous communities on the Impact Statement Summary and provide an opportunity for Indigenous communities, federal authorities, provincial ministries, and the public to review and provide comments on the document, including their perspectives on whether any additional information is required. All submissions received during the comment period will be posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (the Registry) internet page for the Project¹, subject to certain exceptions related to privacy, security, or confidentiality. IAAC will also conduct a technical review of the Impact Statement to determine whether the document contains the information, or studies required by the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and required to conduct the impact assessment, including whether the information is of sufficient quality.

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¹ <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/83857>

If IAAC determines that additional information or studies are needed, it will issue a Deficiency Report that sets out the outstanding information required. If required, IAAC will provide the Deficiency Report to you for a response and post notice of the Deficiency Report on the Registry internet page for the Project.

Maximizing efficiency

IAAC will ensure that the process going forward will be effective, efficient, cooperative and ensure that specific focus and attention is given to the issues that IAAC views as being material to decision-making under the amended *Impact Assessment Act*. IAAC also wants to explore opportunities with you to maximize collaboration with the province and to take full advantage of other means to address effects in federal jurisdiction, to enhance regulatory efficiency and support the principle of “one project, one assessment”. To further increase efficiency and timeliness, we encourage you to consider working concurrently on complementary federal regulatory processes that may be required for the Project.

Time limit

In accordance with subsection 19(1) of the *Impact Assessment Act*, the Proponent must provide IAAC with the required information and studies described in the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and needed for the conduct of the impact assessment within three years after the day on which the Notice of Commencement was posted on the Registry internet page for the Project² (by March 31, 2026).

The three-year time limit includes the time required for the Proponent to prepare the Impact Statement, and to adequately address any deficiencies identified by IAAC, informed by participants’ review of the Impact Statement. The three-year time limit cannot be suspended; however, in accordance with subsection 19(2) of the *Impact Assessment Act*, at the Proponent’s request, IAAC may grant an extension to the three-year legislated time limit by any period necessary for the Proponent to provide the required information and studies. For an extension to be considered and granted, proponents need to demonstrate that they have made progress on the development of the Impact Statement and that they have a work plan to complete it. If IAAC does extend the legislated time limit, it may request additional information or studies as deemed necessary to conduct the impact assessment.

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² <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/159309?culture=en-CA>

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at *Crawford@iaac-aeic.gc.ca* or by phone at 226-750-8853.

Sincerely,

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