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Subject: Summary of Issues for the Big Bear Camp Aerodrome Project

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) conducted a comment period from July 23, 2024, to August 12, 2024, to invite participants to provide their perspective on any issues that they consider relevant in relation to the Big Bear Camp Aerodrome (the Project). All submissions received are available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (the Registry) (Reference #88735).

A Summary of Issues (SOI) document (Attachment I) is included in this letter. Table I in the attached SOI provides the key issues within federal jurisdiction that IAAC considers necessary, at this time, to support decision-making on whether an impact assessment is required, under section 16 of the *Impact Assessment Act* (the IAA).

A summary of other comments, advice, and recommendations from participants for consideration is included as Table II. The Proponent may choose whether to respond to these comments as part of its response to the SOI.

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Should an impact assessment be required for the Project, meaningful responses to the comments, advice, and recommendations identified in Table II of the SOI may support the tailoring of the Impact Statement Guidelines and other Planning Phase documents, as appropriate.

As the SOI provides high-level summaries of comments received, IAAC encourages Big Bear Contracting Ltd. to review the original submissions posted on the Registry to facilitate the preparation of responses.

Pursuant to subsection 15(1) of the IAA, Big Bear Contracting Ltd. must provide IAAC with a response that sets out how it intends to address the issues provided in Table I of the SOI. Big Bear Contracting Ltd. should provide a detailed and meaningful response to inform IAAC's decision on whether to require an impact assessment for the Project. In preparing the response, there may be some issues that, in the view of Big Bear Contracting Ltd., are outside of its care and control. In these situations, Big Bear Contracting Ltd. may choose to identify the party or parties with the potential to address the issue(s).

For ease of reference, IAAC requests that the response to the SOI be provided in a table format. In accordance with section 6(b) of the *Information and Management of Time Limits Regulations*, a plain-language summary of the response must also be provided in English and French.

IAAC is not requiring Big Bear Contracting Ltd. to submit a Detailed Project Description at this time, given the information provided in the Initial Project Description for the Project. If the scope or design aspects of the Project have, or will be, changed from what was presented in the Initial Project Description, Big Bear Contracting Ltd. should contact IAAC to discuss whether those changes affect the need for a Detailed Project Description.

IAAC is requesting your response to the SOI by **September 11, 2024**. Big Bear Contracting Ltd. is encouraged to contact IAAC in the next few days to discuss how much time will be required to produce the response to the SOI. If more than 20 days is required, please notify IAAC in writing and request that IAAC suspend the time limit until the required information is provided.

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Big Bear Contracting Ltd. is reminded that all records produced, collected or received in relation to the impact assessment of the Project – unless prohibited under the *Access to Information Act* – will be considered public and posted on the Registry Internet site for the Project.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at Anna.Vypovska@iaac-aeic.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

<sent electronically>

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Enclosure:

- 1) Attachment I - Summary of Issues – Big Bear Camp Aerodrome Project