



**BIIGTIGONG  
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VIA EMAIL: <email address removed>

Dear Mr. Patchell;

**Re: Time to Review**

Biigtigong Nishnaabeg requires additional time to review and assess the proponent's responses to the Panel's Information requests. It also requests that the Panel institute a comment period for the responses to the Panel's Information Requests.

According to its Terms of Reference (ToR), the Panel must determine if the EIS and EIS Addendum provided by Generation PGM Inc., along with responses to its follow-up information requests, provide enough information to proceed to a public hearing.

However, Biigtigong Nishnaabeg does not anticipate having the time to fully review the Proponent's responses to the Panel's information requests. Biigtigong Nishnaabeg is especially concerned that the proponent's recent submission of its Information Requests, which include documents on indigenous consultation, has not left Biigtigong Nishnaabeg with enough time to adequately consider these documents in anticipation of the public hearing. It is particularly concerned that the size and length of these documents, coupled with the uncertainty of the hearing formats, will result in a rushed, and inadequately comprehensive, hearing process.

We encourage the Panel to solicit opinions from the public and stakeholders to determine whether the follow-up information requests are sufficient to allow this matter to proceed to a public hearing.

With Respect,  
Biigtigong Nishnaabeg First Nation

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