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Sent by email

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**RE: Request to Respond to Comments Received during the Public
Comment Period of the Screening Phase of the Federal Assessment
for Bending Lake Iron Project (July 15 – August 4, 2019)**

Dear Jagdish Parekh:

From July 15, 2019, to August 4, 2019, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (known at that time as the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency) held a 20-day public comment period to determine if a federal assessment under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) would be required for the Bending Lake Iron Project. As previously noted, now that the *Impact Assessment Act* has come into force, the Bending Lake Iron Project would continue, in accordance with section 181 of the *Impact Assessment Act*, as if CEAA 2012 has not been repealed.

During this time, the Agency received written and oral comments from Indigenous groups, municipalities, members of the public, and federal and provincial authorities. These comments were considered in the Agency's determination that a federal assessment is required for the Project. These comments are summarized in Attachment 1 of this letter. The Agency requests that you carefully review and provide responses to each comment, using the table provided in Attachment 1.

Your responses in this table will be shared with the parties that provided the comments. The Agency requests that you provide the Agency with your responses by **October 18, 2019**.

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Furthermore, the Agency is sharing with you the emails and letters that the Agency received during the public comment period from Indigenous groups, municipalities, and the public related to the Project. These are included as Attachment 2. As appropriate, the Agency encourages you to respond directly to the parties that provided the comments. Please copy the Agency in your responses by using the *Submit a Comment* feature available on the Project's Canadian Impact Assessment Registry page (under reference number 80181). Letters and forms can be uploaded using this feature. If you have any difficulties submitting this way, please contact the Agency using the information provided below for assistance.

In reviewing these comments, please ensure mitigation measures are identified in the Environmental Impact Statement to address the concerns raised.

Important Note: All records produced, collected or received in relation to the Project – unless prohibited under the *Access to Information Act* – are considered public and may be posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site (under reference number 80181). The Agency will remove information, such as home addresses, telephone numbers, personal email addresses and signatures prior to public disclosure. Should you wish to provide any comments or documents that contain confidential or sensitive information that you believe should be protected from release to the public, please contact the Agency **before** submitting the material. Information marked as confidential will not be accepted without prior contact made with the Agency.

If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Du by phone at 647-631-8121 or by email at CEAA.LacBendingLake.ACEE@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

<original signed by>

Anjala Puvananathan
Director, Ontario Region

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 - Summary table of comments from Public Comment Period during the Screening phase
- Attachment 2 – Emails and letters from Indigenous groups, municipalities and the public

c.c.: James Gardner, Ambershaw Metallics Inc.