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**ELECTRONIC MAIL**

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Dennis LeNeveu,

Thank you for your letter dated November 16, 2021, concerning the PADCOM Potash Solution Mining Project (the Project) proposed by Potash and Agri Development Corporation of Manitoba (PADCOM) Ltd. (the Proponent). On behalf of the What the Frack Manitoba, you have requested that the Minister of Environment and Climate Change (the Minister) designate the Project under the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA).

Under subsection 9(1) of IAA the Minister may, by order, designate a physical activity that is not prescribed in the *Physical Activities Regulations*. The Minister may do this, if, in the Minister's opinion, the physical activity may cause adverse effects within federal jurisdiction or adverse direct or incidental effects (resulting from federal decisions), or public concerns related to those effects warrant the designation. In accordance with subsection 9(4) of the IAA, it is expected that the Minister will respond to your request with reasons for their decision by February 14, 2022.

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) will review information about the Project; any concerns expressed from the public and Indigenous groups of which the Agency is aware; and expert advice from federal authorities and input from provincial ministries to inform the Minister on whether the Project should be designated. If designated, to proceed with the Project the Proponent would be required to submit an Initial Project Description, thereby commencing the planning phase of IAA. In that case, the planning phase would include the Agency determining whether a federal impact assessment is required.

Additional information regarding the process for designation requests can be found at the following link: <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance/designating-project-impact-assessment-act.html>. Note that the Agency is working to further develop the guidance on



designation requests including clarification on the information that must be provided for a request for designation to be accepted.

In the coming days, a Registry page for the Project will be available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry internet site <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations?culture=en-CA>. If you wish to provide further information to the Agency regarding this file please submit the information via email to the Agency's Prairie and Northern Regional Office at [pnr-rpn@iaac-aeic.gc.ca](mailto:pnr-rpn@iaac-aeic.gc.ca). Given the 90-day legislated timeline, any responses that you provide by **December 13, 2021** will be considered in the Agency's analysis.

**Important Note:** All records produced, collected or received in relation to the designation request process – unless prohibited under the *Access to Information Act* or *Privacy Act* – are considered public and may be released. If you have provided 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 as soon as possible. The Agency does not accept information marked as confidential without prior contact.

Sincerely,

<original signed by>

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