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Subject: Summary of Issues for the Shaakichiuwaanaan Mining Project

Cathryn Moffett,

The Joint Assessment Committee (the Committee), composed of the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) and the Cree Nation Government (CNG), conducted a comment period from February 19 to March 16, 2025, and invited participants to comment on the Summary of the Initial Project Description for the Shaakichiuwaanaan Mining Project (the Project).

A Summary of Issues (SOI), reflecting comments received by the Committee during the comment period, is included as an attachment to this letter.

More specifically, Table I in the attached SOI provides the key issues within federal jurisdiction, and direct and incidental adverse effects, that the Committee 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. Patriot Battery Metals (the proponent) may choose whether to respond to the comments in Table II as part of its response to the SOI.

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, the Committee encourages the proponent to review the original submissions posted on the Registry to facilitate the preparation of responses.

Pursuant to subsection 15(1) of the IAA, the proponent must provide the Committee with a response that sets out how it intends to address the issues provided in the table I of the SOI. The proponent should provide answers at a sufficient level of detail in order to inform the Committee's decision on whether to require an impact assessment for the Project. For ease of reference, the Committee requests that the response to the SOI be provided in a table format.

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In preparing the response, there may be some issues that, in the view of the proponent, are not fully or partially within its care and control. In these situations, the proponent may choose to identify the roles and responsibilities of another party or parties to address the issue(s).

However, if the scope or design aspects of the Project have changed or will change from what was presented in the Initial Project Description, the proponent should contact the Committee to discuss whether those changes could affect the need for a Detailed Project Description.

Please provide the Committee with your response to the SOI within 20 days, no later than April 15, 2025. The proponent is strongly encouraged to contact the Committee in the next few days to discuss the time required to complete its response to the SOI. If more than 20 days is required, please notify the Committee and request that the Committee suspend the time limit until the required information is provided.

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 Canadian Impact Assessment Registry website.

The Committee remains available to meet and provide any additional guidance and advice to the proponent in the development of its response to the SOI. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Louis-Pierre Tanguay, Project Manager, at louis-pierre.tanguay@iaac-aeic.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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