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Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (“CEAA”)  
410 – 701 West Georgia Street  
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**Attn: Rob Hajdú**  
**Project Manager**

Dear Mr. Hajdú:

**RE: CEAA Request for Additional Information regarding the BURNCO  
Aggregate Project (the “Project”)**

I write regarding CEAA’s November 3, 2016 request for additional information about the Project (the “IRs”) regarding impacts of the proposed Project on Squamish’s current use (IRs 45 through 49).

As you know, the proposed BURNCO Project would be located in Squamish’s core territory, in the last relatively undisturbed valley in Howe Sound at *kw’ech’tenm*, a Squamish Nation village site. We have considered the potential effects of the Project and have determined that without appropriate avoidance, mitigation and accommodation measures the proposed aggregate mine and associated barging would have significant adverse effects on our rights and title interests, including but not limited to the current use of our lands and resources for traditional purposes.

We have discussed mitigation proposed by BURNCO in its Environmental Impact Statement and found that these do not fully address the significant adverse effects on Squamish’s current use of our lands and resources for traditional purposes. We have identified additional measures unique to Squamish that will be required to address the significant adverse effects of the Project on the Nation’s current use of, and access to, the study area and beyond, including adverse effects to deer and elk key habitats and the Nation’s harvesting of deer and Roosevelt elk.

BURNCO has agreed to these additional measures and we are formalizing these commitments under an agreement. From our perspective, if BURNCO satisfies its commitments under the agreement the Project would have acceptable (non-significant)



residual adverse effects on the Nation's current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes.

We trust that the above is sufficient to address the information gaps identified in CEEA's November 2016 IRs 45 through 49, regarding effects of the proposed Project on Squamish's current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes.

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(I thank you),  
<Original signed by>

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