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Mr. Peter Crocker, Secretary
Manitoba Clean Environment Commission
305-155 Carlton Street
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Dear Mr. Crocker:

Re: Vivian Silica Sand Extraction Project Submission of Rural Municipality of Springfield

Thank you for this opportunity to provide a submission to the Clean Environment Commission (CEC) on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Springfield (RM Springfield) regarding the review of the Vivian Silica Sand Extraction Project (the "project") under The Environment Act.

Introduction

The RM of Springfield directed the preparation of an expert peer review of the technical submissions for the Vivian Sand Project.¹ To maintain a neutral position with respect to the proposed project, the RM of Springfield has elected not to provide pre-hearing written evidence, to not present opening and closing arguments and to not provide testimony of expert witness(es). While the report prepared by Mr. Neville is not being filed as evidence, there is sufficient filed documentation to suggest the majority of concerns raised will be covered by other Participants. It is understood that an opportunity also remains to file the report later if requested by the CEC panel. Although Mr. Neville's expert report is not being submitted, pursuant to 3.06(b) and (c) the RM of Springfield wishes to use this opportunity to make a general opening statement.

¹ Christopher J. Neville, M.Sc., P.Eng., 2023: Expert Report on the Sio Silica Proposed Vivian Silica Sand Project, prepared for the Rural Municipality of Springfield, S.S. Papadopoulos & Associates, Inc., January 12, 2023.

Statement of the RM of Springfield

At this time, the RM of Springfield has a neutral position with respect to the Vivian Silica Sand Project.

The RM of Springfield trusts that any concerns or doubts that have been raised by other participants will be discussed and reviewed thoroughly by the CEC panel. The position of the RM of Springfield is that all questions and concerns raised about the mining process and activity of Sio Silica must be addressed completely. Without all concerns being addressed, the RM of Springfield will not consider supporting any operations that have the potential to affect the environment, specifically the groundwater resources of southern Manitoba and their protection.

With this submission, the RM of Springfield requests the right to question other participants if the evidence is adverse in interest to the RM of Springfield.

Thank you,



Colleen Draper
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Springfield

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