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Dear Premier Ford, Minister Lecce and Minister Rickford,

We write to you as the Chiefs of the seven First Nation partners advancing the Greenstone Reinforcement Project—a critical infrastructure initiative for our Nations and a strategic priority for the Province of Ontario.

We are encouraged by the direction set for the project in the recently released Integrated Energy Plan (IEP), and we remain committed to working in partnership with your government and Hydro One to advance this line. It will address longstanding energy reliability issues in our communities while unlocking broader regional economic opportunities.

However, we are concerned that the current language in the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) posting falls short of previous commitments made to Aroland First Nation through the Shared Prosperity Agreement (SPA) and prior discussions with our Nations. In particular, the ERO posting lacks clarity regarding the northern termination point of the line.

To maintain our support for the expedited development of the project, the final designation must reflect a northern termination point in proximity to Aroland First Nation, approximately 60 kilometres north of Greenstone. This location reflects our shared understanding to date and is foundational to the commitments made (See Route Option A in the Green Reinforcement Supply Plan submitted to Ontario). We have included a Map as an Appendix at the end of this letter to depict a single phase 230 kilovolt line.



While we acknowledge that the current ERO language leaves the matter open, stating that the termination point will be based on further study by the IESO and consultation with our First Nations consortium, we request an urgent discussion to resolve this issue before the line is formally designated. Doing so will ensure alignment with past commitments, secure our ongoing First Nations support, and best position the province for future development in the region.

Excerpt from the Current ERO Posting:

“A single-circuit 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line, designed to support a possible second circuit, that will run from existing 230 kV infrastructure (the East-West Tie) near Nipigon Bay and terminating at a new or existing station in the municipality of Greenstone, and associated station facilities. The northern termination point will be determined based on further study by the IESO through the Northern Ontario Connection Study and consultation with the First Nations consortium and Hydro One.”

We believe this issue can be resolved quickly and respectfully. We are available to meet at your earliest convenience to discuss a path forward. Our partner, Hydro One, is prepared to provide any technical or system information required, and we are open to further discussions with the Independent Electricity System Operator as needed.

We remain confident in our partnership and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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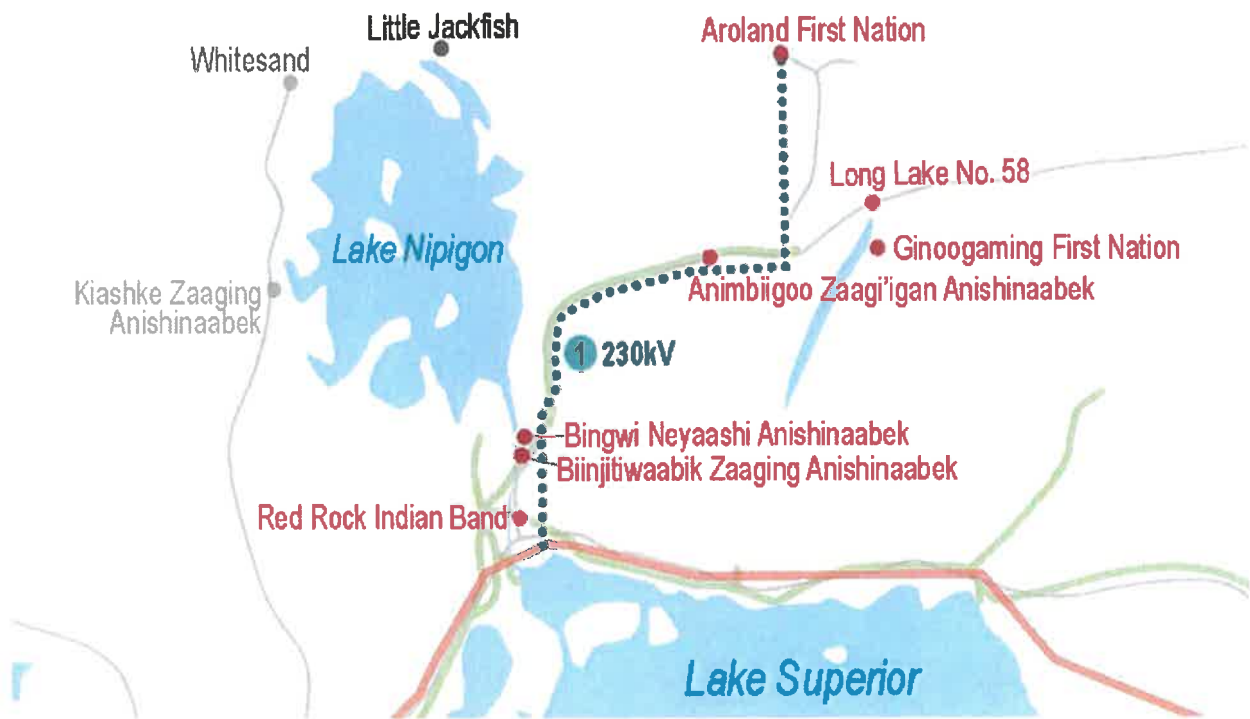
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Appendix A



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