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Mr. Tom Bird
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5500 North Service Road, Suite 205
Burlington, ON L7L 6W6

Dear Mr. Bird:

RE: Director's Aboriginal Communities List - East Durham Wind Energy Centre

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment (Ministry) has reviewed the information provided in the Draft of the Project Description Report (PDR) received for the *East Durham Wind Energy Centre*. The Ministry has reviewed the anticipated environmental effects of the project (as described in the PDR) relative to its current understanding of the interests of aboriginal communities in the area.

In accordance with section 14 of Ontario Regulation 359/09 "Renewable Energy Approvals under Part V.0.1 of the Act" (O. Reg. 359/09) made under the *Environmental Protection Act*, please find below the list of aboriginal communities who, in the opinion of the Director:

i) have or may have constitutionally protected aboriginal or treaty rights that may be adversely impacted by the project (s.14(b)(i)):

| Aboriginal Community |
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| Common Name: |
| Reserve Name: |
| Contact Information: |
| Saugeen Ojibway Nation Jake Linklater Case Manager Saugeen Ojibway Nation Environment Office R.R. # 5 Warton ON N0H 2T0 Phone (519) 534-5507 Fax (519) 534-5525 |

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| Saugeen First Nation Chief Randall Kahgee RR 1 Southampton ON N0H 2L0 Phone (519) 797-2781 Fax (519) 797-2978 |
| Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Interim Chief Scott Lee #135 Lakeshore Blvd. RR#5 Warton ON N0H 2T0 Phone (519) 534.1689 Fax: (519) 534.2130 |
| Historic Saugeen Métis 204 High Street, Box 1492 Southampton ON N0H 2L0 Telephone (519) 483-4000 |
| Great Lakes Métis Council (formerly Grey-Owen Sound Métis Council) Ray Racicot, President 380 9th Street East Owen Sound ON N4K 1P1 Phone (519) 370-0435 |
| Métis Nation of Ontario Consultation Unit 500 Old St. Patrick St, Unit 3 Ottawa ON K1N 9G4 |

OR

ii) otherwise may be interested in any negative environmental effects of the project (s.14(b)(ii)):

No aboriginal communities have been identified at this time.

NOTE: None of the foregoing should be taken to imply approval of this project or the contents of the PDR. This letter only addresses the requirement of the Director to provide a list of aboriginal communities to you as required pursuant to section 14 of O. Reg. 359/09. You should also be aware that information upon which the above list of aboriginal communities is based is subject to change. Aboriginal communities can make assertions at any time, and other developments, for example the discovery of Aboriginal archaeological resources, can occur that may require additional aboriginal communities to be notified. Should this happen, the Ministry will contact you.

Similarly, if you receive any feedback from any aboriginal communities not included in this list, as part of your consultation, the Ministry would appreciate being notified.

Please contact Narren Santos at (416) 314-8442 should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doris Dumais". The signature is written in a cursive style with large, rounded loops for the letters 'D' and 'D'.

Doris Dumais
Director – Approvals Program
Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch

cc: Mansoor Mahmood, Renewable Energy Team, Ministry of the Environment
Joe de Laronde, Aboriginal Affairs Branch, Ministry of the Environment

