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We are pleased to submit for your consideration the report, *Environmental Impact Statement, Proposed Floodway Expansion Project*, August 2004. Seventy-two print copies of this report (Volume 1) are enclosed. Included in this Volume 1 is an executive summary of the Red River Floodway Project EIS.

Also enclosed are seventy-two print copies of the following supporting volumes:

- Volume 2 Appendices 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
- Volume 3 Appendix 3.

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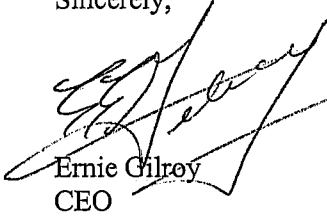
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We look forward to receiving your comments and questions about the filing. We welcome this important step in advancing public review of the Proposed Floodway Expansion Project.

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PREFACE

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Red River Floodway Expansion Project is submitted by the Manitoba Floodway Expansion Authority (MFEA). The EIS was prepared by TetrES Consultants Inc./InterGroup Consultants Ltd. (TetrES/InterGroup) in accordance with EIS Guidelines issued February 5, 2004 setting out the information required from MFEA by government agencies for the purpose of provincial and federal regulatory approvals. MFEA has reviewed and approved this EIS for submission to Manitoba and Canada regulatory agencies in support of its application to proceed to construct the Floodway Expansion Project.

The Environmental Impact Statement for the Floodway Expansion Project is provided in Volume 1 (Main Report). Supporting appendices provide additional information (Volume 2 – Technical Appendices, and Volume 3 – Public Consultation and Involvement (Appendix 3)). An Executive Summary is also provided. All documents are available in the Manitoba Conservation Public Registry, as well as on the Proposed Floodway Expansion environmental assessment website at www.floodwayeia.com.

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