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Siobhan Burland Ross, M.Eng., P. Eng. Acting Director, Manitoba Sustainable Development, Environmental Approvals 1007 Century Street Winnipeg MB R3H 0W4

## RE: Wanipigow Sand Extraction Project - Environment Act Proposal Application

Dear Ms. Burland Ross,

On behalf of Canadian Premium Sand Inc. ('CPS'), enclosed is an Environment Act Proposal (EAP) application including an EAP report for the Wanipigow Sand Extraction Project (the 'Project') which will be reviewed as a Class 2 development under *The Environment Act* (C.C.S.M. c. E125), Classes of Development Regulation. As outlined in the EAP report, the Project will consist of an open pit sand quarry including sequential annual quarry site reclamation; sand washing and drying within a fully enclosed wash and dry facility; ancillary facilities including permanent office and storage building; a paved 6 km-long main access road and 1.5 km gravel access road use during Project construction and for emergencies during Project operation.

Extensive and proactive public engagement efforts by CPS have resulted in letters of support for the Project from the local communities Seymourville, Manigotagan, Aghaming and Hollow Water First Nation. CPS entered into an Economic Participation Agreement with Hollow Water First Nation, on November 22, 2018, that provides for various economic and social benefits and opportunities, including employment, contracting and training initiatives. With respect to the Economic Participation Agreement with CPS, Hollow Water First Nation has acknowledged in a letter dated December 6, 2018 to Manitoba Sustainable Development that the Project operation activities will be taking place within Hollow Water First Nation's Home Block lands. Additionally, CPS and the governments of the Incorporated Community of Seymourville and the Community of Manigotagan have agreed in principal on the essential terms of separate Participation Agreements, and are currently finalizing documentation. CPS will also be paving local unpaved road segments used by sand transport trucks, providing support for affordable employee housing in the local community, and upgrading the Seymourville water and wastewater treatment facilities to accommodate Project water and wastewater treatment requirements, as needed. These actions by CPS will further contribute to the socioeconomic benefits of the proposed Project.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed Project please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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cc: Robert Archibald (CPS)