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Support for Expanding Canadian Exploration Expense Eligibility to Advance Mineral Projects

Dear Todd Stone,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the Association for Mineral Exploration (AME)'s recommendation that the Government of Canada expand eligible activities under the Canadian Exploration Expense (CEE) framework to include technical studies, engineering, feasibility, environmental baseline, and related project-advancement costs for eligible mineral projects.

The province of Saskatchewan is pleased to confirm its support for AME's recommendation that the Government of Canada expand the CEE criteria to include engineering and feasibility studies needed to advance mineral projects.

Saskatchewan is working diligently to strengthen mineral development through a range of tools, including our Public Geoscience Initiative, the Targeted Mineral Exploration Incentive (TMEI), investment attraction efforts, and our Critical Minerals Strategy. An expanded CEE would complement our provincial efforts and help ensure that mineral discoveries can move through the technical and economic work required to demonstrate viability, attract capital, and advance toward development.

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This proposal would help strengthen both Saskatchewan's and Canada's economic resilience and sovereignty by reducing reliance on foreign-controlled supply chains and supporting a more secure domestic source of the minerals and materials needed for long-term growth. The mineral exploration and mining sector is a strategic asset for Canada and an important source of economic strength for provinces and territories. Providing clear eligibility for engineering and feasibility work would give investors greater certainty, help more projects advance through the development pipeline, and complement broader efforts to attract, expand, and de-risk investment in critical minerals exploration and development.

For Saskatchewan, this proposal aligns directly with our government's priority to enable the development of emerging commodities and our goal to see projects successfully advance from exploration to production. Expanding CEE eligibility to include engineering and feasibility studies would help improve continuity between early-stage exploration success which our province actively supports, and the technical evaluation needed to move promising projects forward into construction and operation.

We appreciate AME's leadership on this issue and support your efforts to advance this recommendation with the Government of Canada, particularly the Minister of Finance, as part of upcoming federal budget and policy discussions.

We encourage the Minister of Finance to give this measure full consideration as part of upcoming federal budget and policy discussions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Beaudry", written in a cursive style.

Honourable Chris Beaudry

Minister of Energy and Resources