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Dear Mr. Rosenberg,

**Re: Curve Lake First Nation and Chief Emily Whetung v. AGC;
Court File Numbers: T-1673-19**

Further to concerns raised in connection with opting into the First Nations class in the above-noted litigation, I can assure you that my clients and I are both of the view that there is no relationship more important to Canada than our relationship with Indigenous peoples. Canada recognizes that the honour of the Crown guides the conduct of the government in all of its dealings with Indigenous peoples including the intersection of litigation and ongoing infrastructure activities.

Canada will continue working with Curve Lake First Nation, Tataskweyak Cree Nation and Neskantaga First Nation, as well as any other First Nations who opt into this litigation, to develop and implement sustainable solutions for addressing their water system needs.

All Canadians should have access to safe, clean, and reliable drinking water and Canada respects the right of Indigenous peoples to obtain guidance from the courts in matters where it is necessary and important to do so.

Sincerely,

Catharine Moore

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cc: SDW Litigation Team