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Mr. Troy Anthony, RPF
Crown Forests and Lands Policy Branch
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
70 Foster Drive, Suite 400
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 6V5

RE: ERO 019-1020 – Proposed Changes to the Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994

Dear Mr. Anthony,

Thank you for opportunity to comment on this very important proposal. AV Terrace Bay, the 750 staff and contractors we directly employ, as well as the local communities in which they live all rely on the sustainable and predictable supply of Crown forest resources from more than 5.3 million hectares in northern Ontario.

To access this supply, AV Terrace Bay relies on the development of sustainable forest management plans and considers the implementation of the best management practices that they contain as paramount to our current and future business success. These plans are developed by teams of local Aboriginal groups, professional foresters, technical experts and others who understand the workings of these landbases like no others. Under the requirements of the CFSA, these teams are challenged with balancing all three pillars of sustainability while ensuring the protection of species at risk and the habitats they rely on.

We are pleased that this proposal calls for the recognition of approved forest management plans, prepared in a manner consistent with the requirements of the CFSA, as the mechanism for ensuring the protection of species at risk on managed Crown forests. We support this proposal based on our confidence in the CFSA, not only to protect species at risk, but to harmoniously ensure the sustainability of our forests and all of the different values they contain.

Sincerely,



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