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Attn: The Honorable Jonathan Wilkinson

Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Environment and Climate Change Canada: Pacific and Yukon Office

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Re: Request for federal review of Montem Resources' Tent Mountain Project

Ermineskin Cree Nation ("Ermineskin") writes you with respect to Montem Resources' Tent Mountain Project ("Tent Mountain" or the "Project"). Ermineskin requests that the Minister designate the Project for an impact assessment under section 9(1) of the Impact Assessment Act, SC 2019, c 28, s 1 (the "Act"). Ermineskin supports the submissions made by other groups, such as Siksika Nation, in requesting a federal review of the Project.

The Project may contribute to impacts to Indigenous peoples. The increase in industrial activity along the Eastern Slopes of the Rocky Mountain poses a concern for Ermineskin membership. Indigenous peoples have long practiced their Aboriginal and Treaty rights in the area of the Eastern Slopes of the Rocky Mountain. This area has long been an area critical to the practice of Ermineskin rights, including harvesting, trade and spiritual practices.

The cumulative impact of various activities including agricultural development, the development and expansion of municipalities, the transfer of lands to private landholders, conservation areas, tourism and recreation, and mining and other industrial activities have resulted in much of Ermineskin's traditional territory being taken up by activities that are inconsistent with the practice of Ermineskin's Treaty rights and culture. Ermineskin is becoming increasingly concerned with the level of proposed development, and particularly coal development, in and around the Eastern Slopes.

In addition, the Project is located in an environmentally sensitive area, the Livingstone Hills Land Management Zone protected by the Livingstone-Porcupine Hills Footprint Land Management Zone. This area is part of the internationally significant "Crown of the Continent Ecosystem" which is an ecologically significant area that comprises the headwaters of North America's three great watersheds.

There are strong indicators that Tent Mountain will have significant adverse effects that the Minister should consider in exercising their discretion to designate the Project under s. 9(1). Given all of these factors and the potential impacts of this project on multiple areas of federal jurisdiction, Ermineskin requests that Tent Mountain be designated by the Minister under the discretion provided in s 9(1) of the Act.

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