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Lonny Bomberry, Director, Lands & Resources  
Six Nations of the Grand River  
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Dear Mr. Bomberry:

**Reference: Grand Renewable Energy Park  
Leave to Construct Application**

Thank you for your letter dated June 13, 2011 to the Ontario Energy Board regarding the Leave to Construct application by Samsung and Pattern for the Grand Renewable Energy Park (GREP). In response to your letter, and the specific paragraph below, we offer the following additional information.

*"As an aside, with respect to the REA process, Six Nations Council understands that the applicant has not yet filed any application to the Minister of the Environment for a Renewable Energy Approval (REA). Further, the applicant has not consulted to date with the Six Nations Land and Resources Office concerning Six Nations' interests relevant to the potential request for a REA."*

Samsung and Pattern have engaged with Six Nations regarding this project (including the transmission line) over an extended period of time. The project team has conducted numerous activities to engage the Six Nations Council, including:

- Written notification to Six Nations of the initiation of the REA process prior to formal publication of the Notice of a Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project (June 2, 2010);
- Providing the draft Project Description Report (versions 1 and 2) to Six Nations (June 4 and 24, 2010);
- Invitation to Six Nations to have community members participate in natural heritage and archaeological field surveys (June 29, 2010);
- Offer to hold a Community Information Session on reserve prior to the first Public Open House (June 29, 2010);
- Meeting with Six Nations (July 5, 2010), including members of the Lands and Resources Office; meeting included a presentation on the GREP providing general project information and an overview of the REA process, and a request for feedback;
- Providing Six Nations Lands and Resources Office with a copy of the display boards presented at the first Public Open House (July 13, 2010);
- Having a Six Nations archaeological monitor present during all Stage 2 archaeological surveys (conducted in Fall 2010 and Spring 2011);
- Meeting with Six Nations Lands and Resources Office (September 10, 2010) to discuss the REA process, REA requirements for aboriginal engagement, potential effects on aboriginal or treaty rights,

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methods for engaging the Six Nations community, and to receive comments and feedback from the community.

- Letter to Six Nations Lands and Resources Office (October 5, 2010) with a request as per Ontario Regulation 359/09 that Six Nations provide any information: i) that should be considered in preparing the REA documents, and ii) regarding any adverse impacts the GREP may have on constitutionally protected aboriginal or treaty rights and any measures for mitigating those adverse impacts.
- Letter to Six Nations Lands and Resources Office (February 7, 2011) that included an update on Project activities, a reiteration of the request for information originally sent in the letter dated October 5, 2010, and a preliminary wind turbine layout map.
- Various correspondence via telephone and email with the Lands and Resources Office regarding the above items.

The project team is very interested in working with the Six Nations Council Lands and Resources Office, both in terms of developing mitigation measures for any adverse impacts on Six Nations' aboriginal or treaty rights that have been identified by the community, as well as working together to engage the larger Six Nations community.

The project team has been guided by the Six Nations of the Grand River Land Use Consultation & Accommodation Policy, as well as the requirements outlined for the REA process in Ontario Regulation 359/09, to engage Six Nations in the project. If Six Nations has feedback for the project team regarding how to better work with the Lands and Resources office, we are happy to receive it and to work with Six Nations to refine an approach that is acceptable to all parties. We are available at the convenience of the Six Nations Council Lands and Resources Office, both by telephone as well as in-person meetings, to discuss the project.

**Closure**

In the event that you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Kara Hearne at Stantec via phone (519-836-6050) or email (kara.hearne@stantec.com). We look forward to working with you throughout the development of this renewable energy initiative.

Sincerely,

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