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Attention: Ontario Energy Board

To: Whom it may Concern,

SUBJECT: NEW-LIFE MILLS, SUPPORT OF NATURAL GAS EXPANSION UNDER THE MENDM PHASE 2 GRANT

On behalf of New-Life Mills, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the EPCOR natural gas expansion and their plan to expand the current natural gas system in Southern Bruce. We have observed as EPCOR has worked to get natural gas into the Southern Bruce area and are excited at the prospect of getting access to natural gas.

Our New-Life Mills, Webb Farm, is in the municipality of Brockton at CON 15, PT LOT 15. The New-Life Mills Webb farm markets approx. 1.3 million kilograms of Ontario chicken yearly, raised without antibiotics, for a processor located in South-Western Ontario.

Our support for the natural gas expansion is due to the fact that it is becoming increasingly more cost effective than other forms of energy. Natural gas is also a much cleaner energy source making it an important asset for the environment.

Expanding affordable accessible natural gas to farms in rural Ontario will significantly increase business opportunities by lowering energy costs. The agricultural community in this area would benefit from the development of the proposed expansion to the Southern Bruce system and we are in support of this project.

Sincerely,

NEW-LIFE MILLS

Cheryl Hill

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