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November 20, 2025

Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attention: Ritchie Murray, Acting Registrar

Dear Mr. Murray:

Re: Impala Canada Ltd. - Application for Leave to Expropriate (EB-2025-0286) – Intervention Request by North Star Forestry

We are legal counsel to North Star Forestry Ltd. (“North Star”), a timberlands property owner. On behalf of North Star, we hereby request intervenor status in the above-referenced application by Impala Canada Ltd. (“Impala”) for leave to expropriate permanent easements over two parcels of lands located just west of Dog Lake, approximately 130 kilometers by road northwest of Thunder Bay (the “Application”).

North Star has a substantial interest in the Application because it is the registered owner of the two parcels of lands in respect of which Impala seeks leave to expropriate.

A copy of this letter has been served on Impala.

A. INTERVENTION FORM

In accordance with Rule 22 and Appendix A of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Rules of Practice and Procedure, North Star provides as follows:

1. Intervenor Information

i. Intervenor Name

North Star Forestry Ltd. (“North Star”).

ii. Authorized Representatives

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iii. Mandate and Objectives, Membership, Programs and Activities

North Star is a timberland property ownership company affiliated with Wagner Forest Management, Ltd. (“Wagner”). For over 65 years, Wagner has responsibly tended timberland investments in a manner that delivers solid economic performance and strong commitments to natural resource stewardship and local community support. Wagner has long been committed to the practice of sustainable forestry by balancing ecological concerns with economic performance, while conserving natural resources and supporting local communities.

iv. Governance Structure

North Star is a corporation, with officers and Directors. North Star is a wholly owned subsidiary of Wagner. North Star has retained Torys LLP to serve as their authorized representative. Torys LLP will participate in the proceeding, and will report to and seek instructions from North Star as required. Mr. Dan Hudnut, President of Wagner, may participate directly in the proceeding from time to time, as needed.

2. Prior OEB Interventions

N/A

3. Material Impacts of the Proceeding and Issues List

In the Application, Impala explains that it owns and operates a 115 kV transmission line and facilities (the “Impala Line”), which serves its Lac des Iles Mine at a site located approximately 130 km by road northwest of Thunder Bay. The Impala Line is 65 km in length, and runs from the Impala Junction Station to the Lac des Iles Mine. As shown in Appendix 4 and described in paragraph 5 of the Application, Impala is requesting leave to expropriate a permanent easement over two parcels of lands on which the Impala Line is situated – Parcel 4797 and Parcel 4782 (as more particularly described in the Application). The requested permanent easements appear to be 15 meters in width and extend 9.6 km through one parcel and 4.4 km through another parcel. Each of these affected parcels is owned by North Star.

4. Policy Interests

N/A

5. Form of Hearing

North Star is of the view at this initial stage of the proceeding that a written hearing would be appropriate, but reserves its right to request an oral hearing after completion of the discovery phase of the proceeding.

6. Intent to File Evidence

North Star intends to file evidence in the proceeding. It is anticipated that this evidence will relate to matters that include, but are not limited to, the specific interests in the lands requested for expropriation, the negotiations with Impala to date, the impacts of the proposed taking on North Star, the circumstances related to the Impala Line, the need for a decommissioning and abandonment plan for the Impala Line, and the OEB's jurisdiction to consider the Application and grant the requested relief. This evidence would be directly relevant to the issues in the proceeding, including the public interest test under s. 99 of the OEB Act. North Star expects that it would take approximately 2-3 weeks to prepare the proposed evidence, which would be prepared by North Star and its legal counsel.

7. Coordination with Other Intervenors

N/A

8. Cost Award Eligibility

North Star requests cost award eligibility. Further to Section 3.03(c) of the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards, North Star is a person with interests in the lands directly affected by the Application. North Star will be representing its own commercial interests in the proceeding, with the assistance of counsel.

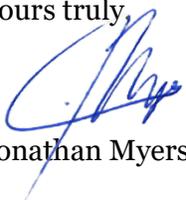
9. Language Preference

English

B. SERVICE OF THE NOTICE

Further to the OEB's Notice and Letter of Direction dated October 27, 2025, and Impala's Affidavit of Service filed November 10, 2025, North Star wishes to bring to the attention of the OEB and the Applicant that it is aware of a directly impacted encumbrancer that does not appear to have been served with the Notice. Specifically, we understand that Metropolitan Life Insurance Company has a charge registered on title to each of the affected parcels as of April 28, 2017.

Yours truly,



Jonathan Myers

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