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Mr. Ritchie Murray, Acting Registrar
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Dear Mr. Murray:

Re: EB-2025-0314: BFN Transmission Application for Authority to Expropriate
Request for Extension for Remaining Filings

We write as counsel to Grant Lake Forest Resources Ltd. and Josephine Forest Resources Ltd. (together Grant Lake), and with the concurrence, through counsel, of the Applicant herein (BFNT).

Further to recent advice to the OEB on behalf of the parties (including BFNT's counsel's letter dated April 29th), we can now advise the OEB that the parties have reached an agreement in principle regarding the land interests that are the subject of BFNT's application for authority to expropriate. The agreement in principle is subject to successful resolution of the details in support of such an agreement and execution of definitive agreements. Counsel on both sides continue to work towards resolution and execution of such agreements.

In this context, Grant Lake seeks a defined deferral in the schedule for the remaining steps in this matter, with the concurrence of BFNT. This request is made both in deference to the OEB's continuing allocation of resources to an adjudication that it appears may not ultimately be required and so that Grant Lake can focus its resources on work to conclude definitive agreements rather than work on submissions that it is hoped will ultimately be moot. Accordingly, the parties request a deferral of the remaining procedural steps currently scheduled in this matter as follows:

- Grant Lake written submissions from July 20th to August 14th.
- BFNT reply submissions from July 30th to August 26th.

Pending conclusion of definitive agreements, the parties are requesting revised dates rather than undetermined extension because scheduling of the remaining steps in this matter, should such steps ultimately be necessary despite the ongoing efforts of the parties to resolve the matter, remains of importance to BFNT, which Grant Lake acknowledges. Accordingly, and in accordance with the OEB's *Protocol for Adjusting Adjudicative Timelines*, section 3.2 (Defined Extension Requests), the parties respectfully request that the OEB extend the remaining dates set out in Procedural Order No. 5 as indicated above.

Of course, if the parties are successful in their attempts to conclude a resolution of the matter in the interim the OEB will be promptly notified.

Yours truly,



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