

B. Suggested Cover Letter to Accompany any Funding Request.

Cover Letter should be addressed to your Regional Director General

Dear Sir/Madam;

Re: Request for Funding under the First Nations Clean Water Settlement Agreement (the “**Settlement**”)

The Settlement requires Canada to make all reasonable efforts to ensure that Individual Class Members living on reserves have regular access to drinking water in their homes, whether from a public water system (like a water treatment plant), or from a private water system (like a well or cistern).

This “regular access” must be of a nature and quantity sufficient to permit all usual and necessary uses of water in a similarly situated Canadian home, including but not limited to drinking water, bathing and personal hygiene, food preparation and dishwashing, sanitation, and laundry.

The water must meet either the federal requirements or provincial standards over water quality, whichever is stricter.

To meet this commitment of providing regular access to clean water in quality and quantity enough for everyday use Canada is required to fund the upgrade, construction, and operation and maintenance of water and wastewater infrastructure by providing actual cost funding (the “**Commitment**”).

To meet this Commitment, Canada must spend at least \$6 billion dollars between now and March 31, 2030. \$6 billion dollars is the floor, not the ceiling. If more money is required to meet the Commitment, more funding must be made available.

Please treat the attached materials as (a) the written notice required under Section 9.06 of the Settlement that Canada is not meeting its Commitment under the Settlement and (b) a Remediation Plan detailing our view of what Canada must do to meet its Commitment.

If Canada does not meet its Commitment, Canada will be subject to the Commitment Dispute Resolution Process (the “**CDRP**”) under the Settlement. If required, we will take full advantage of the strict timelines and binding nature of the CDRP to enforce our rights under the Settlement.

Yours sincerely,

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