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Re: RECLAIM V8.0 Review Process

Dear Andrew and Bill,

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the scheduling of the upcoming RECLAIM workshop. We appreciate the thoughtful approach CIRNAC has taken in engaging with stakeholders and your continued commitment to open communication and collaboration with industry while also acknowledging the recent imitations required under the Caretaker Convention

The Chamber has surveyed members regarding their availability. As proposed, the proximity of the dates to both Labour Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation presents some unavoidable challenges. In addition to these holidays reducing the number of business days in either week, many of our members are also engaged in key internal meetings and planning sessions within their organizations during this time of year.

With these considerations in mind, members have indicated that the last week of September remains a preferred option (a slight difference from the members' initial thoughts), despite the overlap with September 30. The first week of October (October 6-10) is being considered as an alternative with respect to the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. However, both options limit our ability to conduct a full five-day session with the October option leading up to Thanksgiving.

To mitigate this, one could consider extending the duration of each day's meetings to ensure the workshop's objectives can still be met within the available time. In the case of the October dates, an agenda that supports a mid day wrap up on the Friday before the Thanksgiving weekend and focused efforts by all seems an elegant solution.

The recent engagements noted in your May 24, 2025 correspondence (during the Nunavut Mining Symposium and in Yellowknife) have summarized the various themes of comments and issues raised rather that responses, and when combined with the 100 plus comments submitted by Chamber members on May 30 there is a significant list of matters yet to be discussed. These along with the specifics noted in the Chamber's April 25, 2025 correspondence may not be covered in a single workshop approach which we trust CIRNAC and GNWT will consider.

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The Chamber continues to stress that meaningful participation from industry is critical to the success of this workshop and appreciate CIRNAC and GNWT's willingness to be flexible and responsive as we work to finalize arrangements and receive an updated workplan.

Thank you again for your engagement and support throughout this process. We look forward to aligning on dates that allow for effective collaboration and ensure all parties can participate meaningfully.

Sincerely,

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