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Hello,

It is essential this government understands the danger that the Environment Act Licences granted to Sio Silica (SS) and Canadian Premium Sand (CPS) poses. Should these projects proceed, it will put Manitoba's land, air, and water at risk. It is unacceptable to put the health of thousands of people and our environment in danger for the corporate profits of these companies and some 40-50 jobs. The presumed benefits to our province are significantly outweighed by the costs.

Sio Silica (SS) has not provided critical information and supportive evidence in their Environment Act Proposal. Many important questions remain, for example:

- (1) How will this company address the concern that many drinking wells in Springfield already have high arsenic levels? Disturbing the aquifers so aggressively is highly likely to cause greater leaching of heavy metals into the drinking water, rendering it unfit for consumption.
- (2) No meaningful Section 35 consultations have occurred for either the SS or CPS projects with impacted First Nations.
- (3) The proposed CPS barging and trucking of sand would have devastating impacts on the southwestern communities of Lake Winnipeg, including damage to wetlands and air pollution.

I am also concerned that the sand may be used for fracking, but if SS and CPS do intend to sell it to manufacture glass it should be noted we can recycle large quantities of glass. **The City of Winnipeg currently collects about 10 thousand tons of recyclable glass each year, but just sits on it because it has no buyer. Glass production must come from recyclable sources before considering mining because wherever it comes from there will be environmental impacts.** Though, hopefully not impacts as dire as the potential damage from the SS and CPS's proposals.

In order for a complete and comprehensive review of the Sio Silica application and to honour the intent of The Manitoba Environment Act, I request that the SS Facility Licence be revoked and the Terms of Reference for the Clean Environment Commission (CEC) hearing be broadened to include a review of the interconnected sand processing facility.

Additionally, I request that the Participant Assistance Program be enacted for the Sio Silica CEC hearing. This will ensure that financing of the hearing will be provided by the proponent, not by the taxpayer. It will also provide citizens and groups with the funds that are needed to equitably participate in this large and complex project, one that requires expert evidence and

alternative perspectives.

Furthermore, The Environment Act Licence granted to Canadian Premium Sand must be allowed to expire. They must cease all activity at Hollow Water and vacate the premises.

Thank you for your consideration.

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