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Mr. Rankin MacSween
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Dear Mr. MacSween:

Re: Endorsement for Mayor of Cape Breton Regional Municipality

I am writing to you today to express my endorsement of your candidacy as mayor of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality (CBRM). I understand from my International Longshoremen's Association ("ILA") leadership team, that you have a long association with the container development project, and that you have always embraced the ILA and a fiscally sound economic development plan from the onset.

I have been briefed on the fact that you have taken an active role in developing an economically feasible port development solution that is consistent with the origins of the project, and one which creates thousands of family-sustaining employment opportunities for the citizenry of the CBRM. Your plan for the port not only creates jobs for the ILA member, it generates work opportunities for an incredibly broad spectrum of families based on the direct, indirect, induced and related activities that it fosters.

As you know, the ILA has always been a key stakeholder in the advancement of the project, and the ILA's relationship with you spans almost ten years now. You have personally engaged with Assistant General Organizer James H. Paylor in numerous discussions and working sessions during this period regarding the port project during his many visits to Sydney. Additionally, I also have been informed of your dedication to the project by Michael J. Vigneron, President, Atlantic Coast District ("ACD"), ILA AFL-CIO, with whom you have graciously met several times in the recent past. Patrick Murphy, the ILA's International Vice President for Canada, and K. Owen Boyle and Albert Batten, ILA's ACD Vice-Presidents for Canada, have been involved with you since the project's commencement and they are appreciative of your insights, knowledge and commitment to the ILA and the development of a state-of-the-art container terminal in Sydney.

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Your plan for economic prosperity for the CBRM as it relates to the port project is harmonious with that of the ILA's: create employment opportunities for the entire social base of Cape Breton.

The ILA is confident that it can successfully collaborate with any ocean carrier and/or marine terminal operator and the ILA has already begun dialogue with the United States Maritime Alliance, Ltd. ("USMX") regarding the Sydney project. The USMX represents employers engaged in oceanborne cargo handling on the East and Gulf Coast of the United States, the Great Lakes and Eastern Canada and employs longshore workers in these regions. Membership consists of 25 container carrier members, including the 10 largest carriers worldwide, and every major marine terminal operator and port association.

The ILA is especially pleased that your vision for the development of the marine terminal is unwavering, and that you have not swayed in your steadfast position for regional economic well-being based upon the plans presented at the Sydney Ports' Day. In addition to Mr. Vigneron, that event was attended by General Organizer, Mr. John D. Baker, as well as ACD Secretary-Treasurer James Stolpinski, who were disappointed to see presentations that day that were based on: a) untested and untried terminal automation; b) an erosion of traditional ILA jurisdiction, and c) fewer direct/indirect/induced/related terminal employment opportunities rather than the Sydney Plan described above.

The ILA looks forward to working with you to realize your vision for economic well-being in Cape Breton. The ILA is pleased that you have always acknowledged that the container terminal port project is such an important component of the revitalization of Cape Breton and Nova Scotia. To that end, please accept the ILA's full support during your campaign for Mayor of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Very truly yours,



Harold J. Daggett
President

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