

September 30, 2013

Dear Reviewer,

We are pleased to present you with the Environmental Report ("ER") for the Wabagishik Rapids Generating Station. The project is subject to provincial environmental assessment requirements under the *Environmental Assessment Act* and an Environmental Report ("ER") has been prepared as required under the Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects (Class EA.)

The ER will be available for a 33-calendar day review period. This review period is meant to allow for an opportunity for all stakeholders to identify issues. Thus, this ER is being made available for review and comment from **September 30th**, **2013 until midnight on November 1st**, **2013.**

Please note that Xeneca must receive all comments in writing regarding the Wabagishik Rapids project and/or the ER no later than midnight on November 1, 2013. It is preferred that comments be received during the earliest days of the review period to allow all involved parties a significant period for resolving any issues during the remainder of the review. For further information, please see attached on page 2.

The Environmental Report may be viewed electronically at:

http://www.xeneca.com/classea process/eas currently under review/index.html

All comments and correspondence should be sent to:

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Thank you to all participants in advance for your kind consideration of this Class EA.

Respectfully submitted,

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Further Information:

The proposed project is expected to require changes to the Spanish/Vermilion River Water Management Plan (WMP), which is currently in a draft state. As such, Xeneca will be pursuing an administrative amendment to the WMP in accordance with the Ministry of Natural Resources' requirements. It is expected that Xeneca will meet the intent of water management planning through the EA process and MNR's subsequent review and approval of the project under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act (LRIA.)

Some stakeholders may have questions or concerns about the information contained in this Environmental Report. As per the process outlined in the Class EA, interested parties must first attempt to resolve any outstanding issues with the proponent during the review period. In the event that issues cannot be resolved, the concerned party may make a written request to the Minister of the Environment at the address noted below for a Part II Order under the Environmental Assessment Act (Individual Environmental Assessment.) A copy of the Part II Order request must also be sent to Xeneca at the address noted above.

Minister of the Environment 77 Wellesley Street West 11th Floor, Ferguson Block Toronto, ON M7A 2T5

Email: minister.moe@ontario.ca

Fax: (416) 314-6748

Requests for Part II Orders must be made in accordance with the provisions set out in the Class Environmental Assessment and must be received by the Minister of the Environment and Xeneca no later than midnight on November 1st, 2013. A copy of the Class EA for Waterpower Projects is posted on the Ontario Waterpower Association website at www.owa.ca.

Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Environmental Assessment Act, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.

Overall, this Class EA and the conceptual plans for the proposed project meet requirements of the Ontario and Federal environmental assessment process and the objectives of the *Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009*. It creates positive environmental and socio-economic benefits for the people of Ontario. Xeneca looks forward to comments by reviewers of this ER prepared under this Class EA and, if written comment is being submitted to other parties, requests that it is copied to Xeneca.