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Dear Minister Fleming,

I would like to thank you for agreeing to take on the role of Minister of Natural Resources in addition to your role as Associate Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

Since the 2022 mandates were handed down, the MMF – the National Government of the Red River Métis – has continued the unprecedented advancements with all orders of government and industry.

Federally, we signed the *Red River Métis Self-Government Recognition and Implementation Treaty* on November 30, 2024, fulfilling the vision of our Elders and historic leaders. Provincially, we have continued to build a strong relationship with the government of Manitoba, moving forward on critical files, such as the Ste. Madeleine MOU. We have also worked with municipalities across the province to continue to meet Red River Métis needs from Emerson to Churchill. We have made unprecedented progress with industry, growing our capital investment portfolio and signing a never-before-seen agreement with PADCOM.

As the governments of Canada and Manitoba continue to advance their commitments to conservation areas as well as their work on heritage sites and parks, it will be important that, while we support the goal of safeguarding land for future generations, our section 35 rights are protected. Further, the recent staying of all outstanding charges laid on our Harvesters is a major victory for our Nation and an important step forward.

The MMF's 2022 Mandate Letters instructed all Ministers to, among other things, pursue funding from outside the MMF, develop Beyond Borders initiatives, and work together to fulfill your mandates. These mandates continue to apply to those receiving new portfolios and Mandate Letters as a result of this Cabinet Shuffle.

Other mandates, specific to your portfolio as the **Minister of Natural Resources**, that will help fulfill the MMF's agenda of sustainable growth to the benefit of all Red River Métis are as follows:

- In consultation with MMF Regions and Grassroots Leaders, develop a strategy specific to the protection and recognition of our Land, Air, and Water based s.35 rights in Northern Manitoba;
- Undertake Consultations with our Harvesters and develop a comprehensive conservation strategy;
- Continue to ensure Red River Métis Harvesters practicing their s.35 right to Harvest in accordance with our *Métis Laws of the Harvest* are protected when wrongfully charged and intimidated;
- Draft, review, and distribute the fourth edition of the *Métis Laws of the Harvest*;
- Partner with Subject Matter Experts and Legal Counsel to expand recognition of Red River Métis Land, Air, and Water-based s.35 across provincial boundaries;
- Work with the Policy and Delivery Unit to negotiate the recognition of s.35 rights in the Expansion Area and beyond to Churchill; and
- Continue to work directly with the Senior Director of Citizenship to administer and enhance harvesting surveys, CTF stickers, and big-game management tags.

Your role as Associate Minister of Environment and Climate Change remains unchanged and your responsibility to support the Minister of the portfolio in fulfilling their 2022 Mandate Letter remains.

I know that I can count on you to deliver on this mandate. You can count on support from myself and my team when needed – as well as fellow Ministers – to help you in fulfilling this mandate. Our Nation has placed great trust in us to continue the historic progress we have made in recent years, and I trust that by fulfilling the mandate found in this letter we will meet these expectations.

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