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EMAILED

Councillor Gary Crawford and
Members of the Budget Committee
10th Floor West, City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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Attention: Ms. Jennifer Forkes

Dear Councillor Crawford and Committee Members,

National Silicates is writing you regarding the proposed 8% water rate increase. The following are our comments:

Block 2 Water Rate Increase

National Silicates has been a member of the Toronto community since 1931 and water makes up the greatest portion of our products. Any drastic increase, such as the 8% increase proposed for 2016 has a negative effect on our ability to compete. We rely on the services provided by the City of Toronto to operate in a fiscally responsible manner and so are taken aback by the continued unrelenting increase in water services. The Block 2 water rate has now been increased to a total of 80% since its inception. The current proposal by Toronto Water for increases of 8 % (2016), 5% (2017) and 5% (2018) are well above the rate of inflation. This size of increase is weakening the economic stability of this operation. The City needs to entertain other options that do not tax companies heavily.





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In summary the City of Toronto needs to be sensitive to the costs of all services and must provide economic viable and justifiable services which encourage business to re-invest in our city, not encourage them to leave.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Respectfully,

Carmen Romano
Plant Manager
National Silicates



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