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Members of Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
City of Toronto

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Dear Committee Members:

We are writing to advise Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Members of our support for the September 10, 2015 staff report "Progress Report for Design Concepts for the Hybrid EA Preferred Alternative – Gardiner Expressway and Lake Shore Boulevard East Reconfiguration Environmental Assessment (EA) and Integrated Urban Design Study". We acknowledge that significant work remains to validate, refine and fully assess the merits of the various options presented in the report. We look forward to seeing the full analysis. Having said this, at this stage it appears that all three concepts presented in the report could facilitate the opportunity for a significant new office precinct centred on the former Lever site at 21 Don Roadway as well as other developments proposed for the Port Lands and South of Eastern area.

We'd also like to express our appreciation for the work of the EA team in improving on the design presented to Council in June 2015. In particular, the EA team has undertaken extensive stakeholder consultation and have worked very hard to incorporate feedback into the concepts presented in the report.

Sincerely,

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