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PB10.2.2

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Attention: Ellen Devlin

RE: PB 10.2 Inclusion on the City of Toronto's Heritage Register - Laird in Focus - 96 Laird Drive, 180 Laird Drive and 20 Research Road

Dear Chair Sandra Shaul, and Board Members,

This is to advise of our strong support for the staff report recommendations for the listing of three properties emanating from the Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment conducted in conjunction with the Laird in Focus Planning Study.

The three properties each link to Leaside's proud industrial history

96 Laird Drive – as the CNR restaurant and in continuous operation from the 1920s to the present.

180 Laird Drive – the Imperial Bank of Commerce – the bank for Leaside industries and their workers.

20 Research Road – Research Enterprises Ltd – a rare surviving structure representing Leaside's major contribution to Canada's military role in the second world war as a producer of military equipment.

The properties at 66-72 Laird drive, 11 Brentcliffe Road, 134 Laird Drive and 143 Laird Drive were assessed as not having sufficient design and physical value to be included in the Heritage Register. We support the suggestion that historic interpretation be included for the properties as part of Public Realm Improvements to Laird Drive.

Finally, we look forward to the Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment which is urgently needed for the historic residential portion of Leaside west of Laird Drive.

Respectfully submitted,

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