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Dear Reviewer,

We are pleased to present you with the Stakeholder Draft Environmental Report ("ER") for the proposed Kapuskasing River Generating Stations – Near North Boundary, Lapinigam Rapids and Middle Twp. Buchan (known collectively as "The Project.") The Project is subject to provincial environmental assessment requirements under the *Environmental Assessment Act* and a **DRAFT** ER has been prepared. 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.)

In 2013, we were given advice by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) to provide stakeholders with access to the draft ERs to allow stakeholders extra time to review documents, which cover a wide array of environmental, social and economic effects and include many new standards and requirements.

This document is intended as DRAFT only, with the final ER incorporating changes as may be required as a result of government agency comment and input. Once agency comments have been collected and incorporated into the **final** ER, all identified stakeholders will be notified of the Notice of Completion and the formal (approx) 30-day review/comment period for the final ER. As such, comments on the draft document may be best left for the formal review period.

The **DRAFT ER** may be viewed electronically at:

<http://www.xeneca.com/home/Latest%20Updates/updates.html>

All comments and correspondence should be sent to:

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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.