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Statement from Fort McKay First Nation on Teck Frontier Oilsands Project

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The Fort McKay First Nation has established a transparent and collaborative relationship with Teck Resources Limited (Teck) regarding its proposed Frontier mine. We began working with Teck in 2008 on the project, which is in our traditional territory. We believe, with necessary government action on cumulative effects, that Frontier can strike the right balance between environmental and Treaty rights protection and create economic opportunities for Fort McKay and its members.

Over the years, we shared with them our community's priorities and needs and, in 2017, we executed a long-term sustainability agreement that reflects our shared principles and objectives, including joint commitments to significant ongoing efforts on areas of critical economic and environmental importance throughout the planning, construction, operation, decommissioning and reclamation of the project. Some implementation details are still under discussion. I am confident we'll work this out in the coming days and weeks.

On the basis of these commitments, Fort McKay has expressed its support for Frontier to the federal government. The project's approval would support our long-term community vision to balance economic self-sufficiency with the protection of Treaty rights and the environment.

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