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Subject: Letter of Support for WCRL's continued operations in the Burrard Inlet to ensure a secure supply of low carbon feedstocks to facilitate renewable fuel production in British Columbia

Dear Mr. Glotman,

On behalf of BC Bioenergy Network (BCBN), I am writing to highlight the importance of West Coast Reduction Ltd.'s (WCRL) role in the growth of the low carbon fuels sector in British Columbia. WCRL's Vancouver location is the only facility in Western Canada capable of aggregating and blending feedstock to precise specifications for large scale biofuel producers located in BC, the US and globally. The ability to achieve CleanBC targets would be greatly jeopardized if WCRL is obligated to move operations away from its waterfront location.

In addition, WCRL facilitates the collection, storage and export of 55% of Canada's canola oil. The low carbon intensity of canola oil makes it a product suitable for the production of low carbon fuels. BCBN recognizes the importance of this existing supply chain and the potential for Canada to meet the demand for low carbon intensity fuels under the Federal Clean Fuel Standard.

Parkland Fuel Corp. (Parkland) own and operate the refinery in the Burrard Inlet and supply fuel to the Lower Mainland. Parkland is the national leader in the production of low carbon renewable fuels and is reliant on the supply from WCRL. Without this relationship and waterfront proximity, the ability of BC to reach low carbon fuel targets in CleanBC would be greatly compromised.

BCBN is hopeful that WCRL is able to extend its waterfront lease for a duration that would justify investing in infrastructure to support CleanBC goals. The broader implications of shutting down WCRL's operations in the Burrard Inlet include a detrimental impact on the development of low carbon fuels in BC and a lost opportunity for Canada's agriculture and agri-food sectors.

BCBN continues to support the Provincial and Federal Governments' steps to mitigate climate change and sincerely hope WCRL is successful in receiving long-term renewal of its lease at the Port of Vancouver.

Regards.

Dr. Scott Stanners Executive Director BC Bioenergy Network