

BC Farm Industry Review Board

January 13, 2022

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Claire Hunter, Q.C. Hunter Litigation Chambers

Dear Ms. Hunter:

PREHEARING SUBMISSIONS

I write in response to your letter of January 10, 2022.

In that letter, Prokam Enterprises Ltd. (Prokam) applied for an extension of time to apply for leave to call additional witnesses; a pre-hearing conference to address issues of alleged non-compliance with the Rules; and leave to lead the evidence-in-chief of two witnesses.

With respect to the request for an extension of time, I understand that was based on the need for additional information from hearing counsel on his decision not to call certain witnesses. I am informed by Ms. Gorsuch that an additional letter was provided by hearing counsel on January 12, 2022. Accordingly, I grant an extension to Prokam until **January 17, 2022** to seek leave to call additional witnesses. Any counsel wishing to respond to the application should do so by way of written submission **no later than January 21, 2022**.

Prokam has also requested a pre-hearing conference to raise issues of non-compliance with the Rules of Practice and Procedure; specifically, the alleged failure to produce documents, witness lists, and will say statements. In my view, these issues should be addressed by way of written submissions. I invite you to provide me with submissions **on or before Monday January 17, 2022**. Any counsel wishing to respond may do so **on or before Friday January 21, 2022**.

With respect to the application to lead the evidence in chief of Bob Dhillon and Bob Gill, responding submissions are due **on or before January 17, 2022**, following which I will determine whether to grant leave.

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Please address submissions to myself, and send to <u>Wanda.Gorsuch@gov.bc.ca</u>, copied to firb@gov.bc.ca.

Regards,

Peter Donkers Chair

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