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**Attention: Wanda Gorsuch, Manager, Issues and Planning**

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**Re: Supervisory Review re Vegetable Marketing Commission Allegations of Bad Faith and Unlawful Activity**

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We write to provide written submissions on behalf of Mr. Andre Solymosi in response to the March 10, 2022 letter from Hearing Counsel regarding the submission schedule for the continuation of the aforementioned Inquiry.

We note that no time was allotted for us to examine Mike Reed, Blair Lodder, John Newell, Corey Gerrard, Ravi Cheema, and Peter Guichon (on week 2 – relating to MPL matters).

It is Mr. Solymosi's position that we should be entitled to cross-examine Ravi Cheema, Mike Reed, and Peter Guichon (during both weeks) at the very least. Our examination of these witnesses is necessary, particularly given the lines of questioning of Ms. Basham, QC and the evidence of Paul Mastronardi.

While we may not need to examine all 6 of the witnesses whom we have not been allotted time for, the option to do so should not be prematurely restricted before we have heard their testimony. We anticipate that our cross examination of these witnesses would be no more than 15 minutes per witness, with the exception of Ravi Cheema, for whom we may require up to 30 minutes.

We trust that this will not impede the completion of the Inquiry, as April 1, 18, 21, and 22 currently have no witnesses scheduled.

Should you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

**HIRA ROWAN LLP**

Per:



**Ravi R. Hira, Q.C.**

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