## CIMFP Exhibit P-02973



Muskrat Falls North and South Dams PO Box 1030 Station C Goose Bay, NL AOP 1CO

23-May-2017

**Muskrat Falls Corporation** 

350 Torbay Road, Suite 2 St. John's, NL Canada A1A 4E1

Attention:

Scott O'Brien, Project Manager

Subject:

Agreement:

CH0009-001 Construction of North and South Dams

Letter No.:

BPLP-1418-L-137 Rev. 1

Re:

LTR-0343 - Force Majeure Declaration by Company 20-May-2017

Mr. O'Brien:

BPLP is in receipt of the Company's letter dated 20-May-2017 regarding the Company's declaration of an occurrence of Force Majeure.

Missing from the Company's May 20, 2017 Force Majeure Declaration is any explanation or justification as to why the gate blockade constitutes a Force Majeure event. The gate blockade does not constitute a Force Majeure event as set forth in Article 28.

The blockade was formed as the protesters believed that the Company's recent release of water or failure to properly manage the downstream flows resulted in flooding of the Mud Lake community. Section 28.2 only allows the Company to claim a Force Majeure event if such event is "beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of [the Company], and which by the exercise of reasonable diligence [the Company] is unable to provide against it."

Based on information within the public domain, it appears this event was within MFC's control and therefore the provisions of Article 28.2 do not apply. Should MFC have information to the contrary, BPLP requests copies of the same. BPLP is currently evaluating cost and schedule impacts and will notify MFC separately of these, if any.

Please contact me at (709) 702-0176 if you have any questions or need further information regarding this subject.

Regards,

**Barnard Pennecon LP** 

Aaron Rietveld Project Manager