## ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE

BETWEEN

#### SIX NATIONS OF THE GRAND RIVER BAND OF INDIANS

Plaintiff

and

## THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA and HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO

Defendants

and

#### THE MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT FIRST NATION

Intervenor

# DEFENCE TO CROSSCLAIM (OF THE CROWN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO, RESPONDING TO THE CROSSCLAIM OF THE CROWN IN RIGHT OF CANADA)

- 1. Ontario denies the allegations contained in Canada's crossclaim.
- 2. Ontario repeats and relies upon the allegations and defences contained in the Ontario Defence, including reliance as applicable on *res judicata* and/or the equitable doctrine of laches and/or the *Limitations Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. L. 15, as amended, and its predecessors.
- 3. Any liability to the Plaintiff in the action, which is denied, is a liability of the defendant Canada and not a liability of the defendant Ontario.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined have the meanings ascribed in the Further Amended Statement of Defence and Crossclaim of the Crown in Right of Ontario, amended September 15, 2023 (the "**Ontario Defence**").

4. Ontario requests that Canada's crossclaim be dismissed with costs.

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