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CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR MATRIMONIAL REAL PROPERTY

Dear Proposal Review Committee:

RE: CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR MATRIMONIAL REAL PROPERTY LAW

The British Columbia Aboriginal Lands Managers are pleased to provide this letter of support for the National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association (NALMA) proposal to host the Centre of Excellence for Matrimonial Real Property.

Since its inception in 2000, NALMA has successfully maintained a network of Regional Lands Associations, First Nation members and committed partners dedicated to the enhancement of professional capacity and technical expertise in the provision of Land Management services to First Nation communities.

NALMA maintains a practical and technical approach to enhancing Reserve land management capacity and has a strong record of producing effective results. Since 2005, this organization has trained and certified 84 individuals through their Professional Lands Management Certification Program.

NALMA's proven record of providing support to First Nations across Canada in understanding and interpreting legislation and regulations relating to the management of reserve lands, developing communications materials and toolkits to assist in skills development, and their ability to network with partners from coast to coast demonstrates the skill and experience necessary to fulfil the mandate of the Centre of Excellence for Matrimonial Real Property.

We are confident that the National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association has both the capacity and the commitment to ensure the success of the Centre of Excellence.

The British Columbia Aboriginal Lands Managers strongly support NALMA's proposal to host the Matrimonial Real Property Centre of Excellence. Should you have any questions, please contact me via email at jphillip@pib.ca or by telephone at 250-493-0048- 2136 or Terry Nicholas, Vice-Chair at latriciac@hotmail.com or Joan King at joan@coldwaterband.org or Corinne Wolfe at corine_wolfe@icloud.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Chair