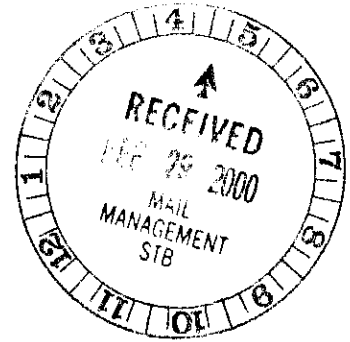




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February 28, 2000

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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Office of the Secretary
Case Control Unit
Attn: STB Ex Parte No. 582
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Subject: March 8th, 2000 in Ex Parte 2000

Dear Sir,

Pétromont is a petrochemical company manufacturing high density polyethylene and basic petrochemicals (olefins) which are sold throughout the world, primarily to North American markets. Pétromont finished products are shipped throughout North America, including Mexico.

There are approximately 500 employees working at its two plants in Montreal East, Quebec and Varennes, Quebec. The purpose of this letter is to comment on the issues to be discussed on March 8th, 2000 in Ex Parte 582.

We are writing to you and trust that the Surface Transportation Board will view CN-BNSF Combination on its merit.

The timing of the proposed CN-BNSF Combination is not the central issue for our company. The Surface Transportation Board should focus on ensuring that CN-BNSF Combination, and any other future mergers, will deliver service, efficiencies and an improved competitive environment for shippers in North America.

For any further information, please contact Robert Jeannotte at 514-650-8308.

Best regards,

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