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Mowi Canada East 2 Salar Court, St. George NB, E5C 3N1

## RE: Letter of Support for License Application- Intership BC Corp.

To Whom it May Concern:

Mowi Canada East is an aquaculture company on the east coast of Canada, and is a subsidiary of Mowi ASA. Our company generates hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity in Atlantic Canada, and employs almost 250 people directly in the provinces of New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland and Labrador. In addition, our company spends more than \$100 million on materials and services in the region annually, which supports hundreds of jobs in indirect employment. During the next 5 years, we intend to make increases to our current level of production, which will create additional economic benefits.

Our company operates saltwater farms of the coasts of the Atlantic provinces, and a key part of our operations involves the use of fish transfer vessels called "well boats." These boats are used to move live fish between locations, to live haul harvest, and where necessary, to undertake treatments that help improve fish health and welfare. Without well boat support, we could not operate successfully, and the economic benefits we generate in Atlantic Canada would be put at risk.

Mowi Canada East has asked Intership BC to extend the provision of the Inter Viking well boat until September 2024 to ensure that we have sufficient operational support for this year. Under past coasting trade licenses, the Inter Viking has been successfully supporting our operations since the spring of 2019 to date. To support its continued operation, we hope you will give due consideration to its application.

If you have any questions or concerns over the use of this specialized vessel, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Sincerely,

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