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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to affirm our support for the continued designation of the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Region, established in 2000. Island Work Transitions Inc. (IWT), delivers employment services to both Employers as well as Jobseekers who live and work within the Clayoquot Biosphere Region.

We have found value in the work of the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust; facilitating stakeholder conversations; supporting community initiatives that align with the CBT's goals and objectives and enabling collaboration amongst the stakeholders who live and work within the region.

Contributing to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals - Of particular interest is the CBT's contribution to understanding the region's socio-economic indicators through its bi-annual report 'Vital Signs'. We intend to work closely with CBT staff to develop a regional approach to developing a 10 year Workforce Strategy (Demand/Supply/Alignment) that aligns with the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals as well as their Vital Signs report.

Co-leading Sustainable Development - We consider the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust as a partner to our efforts in collaborating with regional stakeholders to achieve our sustainable economic development goals of diversification. This partnership will help develop and launch the first phase called the 'WC Local Labour Market Information Project. For the short term, this partnership will help to establish a set of local indicators; collect information, research & evaluate current data from various local, regional, provincial, and federal sources. The deliverable will be a living document that will be updated, monitored and evaluated locally and will provide ongoing evidence based reports to inform best decision-making and appropriate alignment strategies in stabilizing, diversifying and sustaining the work force for the long term, in all sectors within the region.

Developing alliances and partnerships - Within this partnership, we are working together to achieve the objectives of sustainable development, biodiversity conservation and reconciliation, through education, research and collaboration and it is our intention to continue to nurture our partnership and work together over the next decade to advance the objectives of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve program.

We are proud to support the continued Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere designation, and look forward to participating in the next ten years of activities in our region.

Sincerely,



Aaron Clausen, Chief Executive Officer
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