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**Subject: Comments on the permitting process for the HiTest Silicon Facility**

Dear Chair Ashton, Director Snow and Planning Commission Members,

We understand that Pend Oreille County is current reviewing the HiTest Silicon smelter proposal. According to the Pend Oreille County Property Search webpage, the properties owned by HiTest Sand have a County Comprehensive Plan designation of and are zoned Public Lands (PL).<sup>1</sup> Industrial uses, such as a silicon manufacturing plant, are not permitted in the Public Lands (PL) zone.<sup>2</sup>

To site a silicon manufacturing plant on this land, the comprehensive plan's future land use map will have to be amended and the property rezoned to a comprehensive plan designation and zone that permits manufacturing uses. The comprehensive plan amendment and rezone will need to comply with the processes for these amendments including the county's public participation program and the requirements of the Growth Management Act.<sup>3</sup>

Thank you for considering our comments. Please add us to your public notifications list for comprehensive plan amendments and conditional use permits. If you require additional information, please contact Kitty Klitzke at telephone (509) 838-1965 or email [Kitty@futurewise.org](mailto:Kitty@futurewise.org) or Tim Trohimovich at (206) 343-0681 Ext. 118 or [tim@futurewise.org](mailto:tim@futurewise.org).

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kitty Klitzke'.

Kitty Klitzke, **Spokane Program Director**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tim Trohimovich'.

Tim Trohimovich, AICP, **Director of Planning & Law**

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<sup>1</sup> Parcel Geographic ID: 463130010001, Parcel Geographic ID: 463130020001, Parcel Geographic ID: 453125000005, and Parcel Geographic ID: 463130500001.

<sup>2</sup> Pend Oreille County, Washington Table of Permitted Zoning Uses Adopted December 22, 2015 and accessed on January 16, 2018 at: <https://pendoreilleco.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Adopted-Zoning-TOPU-12-22-15.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> Pend Oreille County Development Regulations Chapter XX.90 Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Chapter XX.88 Amendments and Rezones Amended December 22, 2015 and accessed on January 16, 2018 at: <https://pendoreilleco.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/BOCC-Adopted-Development-Regs-12-22-2015.pdf>.