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June 11, 2003

Mr. Paul G. Buxton, Project Manager
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Dear Mr. Buxton:

RE: Whites Point Quarry Blasting Plan

Thank you for your letter received by Fax on June 6, 2003.

As implied in our letter to you on May 29, 2003, the 3.9 hectare quarry, and the currently proposed Blasting Plan for this quarry, could be viewed as part of the larger project, **Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal, Digby County, Nova Scotia**, which is currently undergoing an environment assessment under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act. To this end, HMD would like to know the purpose of the blast and the intended use of the blasted rock. The status of the Blasting Plan for the 3.9 hectare quarry depends upon how it relates to the larger project.

You have asked for a meeting with Habitat Management Division (HMD), Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour, and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) to discuss the overall status of the Blasting Plan. The CEAA office has offered to arrange a meeting at their Halifax location. You will be contacted in the very near future regarding this meeting.

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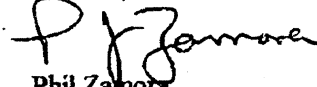
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You have also asked about the calculations carried out by HMD which led to the 500 meter horizontal distance from the shore line to the blast location being determined as required to protect inner Bay of Fundy Atlantic salmon. The calculations were performed using a computer simulation model supplied by the developer of the DFO "Guidelines for the Use of Explosives in or Near Canadian Fisheries Waters" - 1998. The results of these calculations are available for your examination. Please call me at (902) 426-4692 to arrange a time when you can meet with us.

Sincerely,



Phil Zamora

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