January 9, 2008

Deputy Minister Nancy Vanstone 5151 Terminal Road, 6th Floor P.O. Box 697 Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2T8 via email

Dear Ms. Vanstone:

Re: Meeting with Bilcon

We are writing to you further to Minister Parent's commitment to us that he would provide a meeting with you to discuss the process and decision-making with respect to our application for permits at Whites Point. You confirmed this arrangement with me during our brief telephone conversation, which occurred shortly after the Minister called us on November 20, 2007. You will recall that a meeting was initially scheduled for December 14, 2007, but that we had agreed to re-schedule this, at your department's request, to January 11, 2008.

Earlier today we were notified that the January 11th date was not convenient for you and that a meeting would proceed in your absence in Halifax, but with a much more restricted scope than the Minister's original commitment. We are deeply troubled by these developments.

We understand that as Deputy Minister you have many different types of commitments and we are certainly prepared to re-schedule the meeting to another time that will ensure that you will be available and where the Minister's entire commitment to discuss this very important decision will take place. It would seem unduly burdensome to us to come all the way to Halifax to have a discussion without you being present and to engage in a meeting that will not canvass all the relevant issues. We respectfully-request that you re-schedule a meeting with us that will be consonant with the Minister's original commitment.

We would very much appreciate having a response from you as soon as possible. Please be advised that our phone number and fax number have changed in the last week.

Yours very truly,

Paul G. Buxton, P. Eng.

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