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Mr. Paul G. Buxton, P.Eng.  
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Dear Mr. Buxton:

**RE: Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal, Digby Neck, Nova Scotia – Draft Project Description**

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Thank you for the draft project description you provided (dated January 28, received on February 3). The document was distributed to Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Environment Canada, Natural Resources Canada, Transport Canada and Industry Canada. Those federal authorities may be responsible for an environmental assessment of the project, or may have specialist or expert information or knowledge relevant to an environmental assessment of the project.

Reviewers were asked to comment on the adequacy of the project description for the purposes of federal coordination. The responses are summarized below:

**Fisheries and Ocean Canada** has indicated that additional information is needed with respect to impacts on fish habitat – see attached letter from Mr. Thomas Wheaton for details. Navigable Waters Protection staff do not require additional information in the project description.

**Environment Canada** seeks clarification of potential disposal at sea requirements, as discussed in the attached response from Mr. Stephen Zwicker.

**Natural Resources Canada** has requested additional information about the use of explosives. The details are described in the attached letter from Mr. Yanick Matteau.

**Transport Canada** has indicated that it does not require an environmental assessment of this project, nor does it have specialist or expert information or knowledge that is necessary to conduct the environmental assessment. Transport Canada has therefore withdrawn from further involvement in the process.

**Industry Canada** requires information about radio communications for the project. To help you provide the necessary details, please refer to the attached copy of Industry Canada's Client Procedure Circular 2-0-03, entitled *Environmental Process, Radio-frequency Fields and Land-Use Consultation*. In particular, Annex 1, Part B lists preliminary information needed to determine the applicability of the *Canadian Environment Assessment Act*.

In addition to the federal agencies, the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour offered the following comments:

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- Page 1 General, 4th paragraph: The wording of this paragraph should be changed to reflect the fact that the company is working with both provincial and federal agencies to ensure that provincial and federal environmental assessment requirements are met; and
- Page 1 Contacts: The relationship between Global Quarry Products and Nova Stone Exporters Inc. should be described.

I recommend that a revised project description which addresses the above items be prepared and submitted, after which a federal coordination request can be issued for the environmental assessment of the project. If the project description can be provided in electronic format, that would expedite distribution.

Please do not hesitate to contact me (902-426-6458 or [derek.mcdonald@ceaa-acee.gc.ca](mailto:derek.mcdonald@ceaa-acee.gc.ca)) if you require further information.

Yours truly,



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