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Sept 17th 2002

Attention: Mr. Bob Petrie, Regional Manager

Dear Mr. Petrie,

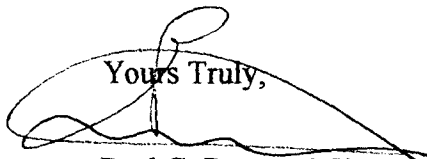
re: Whites Cove Quarry - Blasting Plan

In accordance with Section 10 (Blasting) part i) of the Terms and Conditions of Approval for the Whites Cove quarry (Approval No. 2002-026397 please find enclosed three copies of the Blasting Plan.

The setback distance and charges comply with Table 1 (Setback distance (m) from centre of detonation of a confined explosive to fish habitat to achieve 100 kPa guideline criteria for various substrates) on page 15 of the Guidelines for the Use of Explosives In or Near Canadian Fisheries Waters (Canadian Technical Report of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences 2107).

Following your review would you kindly forward to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans for their approval.

Yours Truly,



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Project Manager