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**YARMOUTH DISTRICT
OFFICE
YARMOUTH, N.S.**

Dear Bob:

RE: **Whites Cove Quarry – Blasting Plan**

I received the additional information you faxed us today on the Whites Cove quarry blasting plan. The individual I rely on to provide advice on mammals is not available this week, so I can't provide you comments until sometime next week at the earliest.

However, I don't wish to approach him with the additional information as it still has not addressed the proponent's responsibilities adequately. Specifically:

- there is no indication of what the bottom is made up of (see my letter to you Sept. 30, 2002).
- According to clause 10 of the Approval to Construct and Operate - Quarry (2002-026397), we expected the following information to accompany a complete blasting plan:
 - (10 - a) assurance from the "qualified person" that the ground vibration and air concussion limits can be achieved
 - (10 - b) water quality analysis
 - (10 - c) assurance that the proponent will undertake weather monitoring and how it will be done
 - 10 - d) acknowledgement that there will be no blasting on Sundays or statutory holidays or between 1800 and 0800 hrs daily
 - (10 - e,f) specific and adequate plan for monitoring the blast
 - (10 - h) acknowledgement that the proponent will comply with the (Blasting Guidelines)
 - 10 - i) verification that the blast design will not have an adverse effect on marine mammals in the area.

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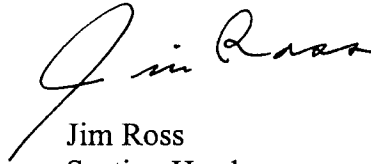
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When we receive a complete package we will proceed with a review of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Ross". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jim Ross
Section Head
Habitat Management Division

cc: P. Buxton