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Honourable Ministers Baird and Parent:

Subject: Environmental Assessment of the Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal Project – Joint Panel Review Report

I am a consultant to Bilcon of Nova Scotia and have been providing engineering services related to the shipping facilities for the proposed Whites Point Quarry. I have now been advised that the panel has recommended against the project proceeding. At great expense to Bilcon, I was asked to fly across Canada and be available on the first day of the Joint Panel hearings (June 16, 2007). I must express my disappointment at the proceedings. After sitting almost all day, I was finally asked one simple question related to the shiploading facilities. I was prepared to answer many more questions, but for whatever reason the panel chose not to question me further. I have not yet read every word in the panel's report, but I note reference to unanswered questions about shiploading and shipping. I wish I had been asked about some of them.

On a personal note, having been in the consulting business for forty years and participated in many environmental reviews and attended many panel and public hearings, I was not prepared for, what seemed to me, an almost hostile attitude to Bilcon. My understanding is that it has taken five years to get to this point. For a simple quarry in a sparsely inhabited area with the product to be shipped by sea, this is quite unreal. I hope that the ministers will overrule the panel on this one.

Yours truly,
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