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*Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal Project*  
*Joint Review Panel*  
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Keith Christie  
Director General  
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada  
Environment, Energy and Sustainable Development Bureau  
Rideau Pavilion - Floor: 2  
111 Sussex Drive  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0G2

Dear Mr. Christie:

On November 5, 2004, the federal Minister of the Environment and the Nova Scotia Minister of Environment and Labour established the Joint Review Panel for the environmental assessment of the Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal Project.

The Panel believes that participation by federal and provincial departments and agencies in the environmental assessment is required to ensure that we collect all necessary information prior to submitting our report to both levels of government. The Panel will be holding public hearings in Digby, Nova Scotia commencing on June 16, 2007.

Accordingly, we request that representatives from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade appear on Tuesday, June 19 to give a presentation and be prepared to answer questions from the Panel and the hearing participants. The Panel would like the department to present its views on environmental effects associated with the project, with specific reference to any influence that Chapter 11 of the North American Free Trade Agreement may have on the management of the project's potential environmental effects and the siting of future coastal quarry projects.

You may also be asked to provide any other information, opinion, or advice that relates to the mandates of both the Panel and your department.

A representative of your department is asked to contact Debra Myles, Panel Manager, at (613) 957-0626 to schedule an appearance on June 19, 2007.

Yours sincerely,



Robert Fournier, Chair

c.c. Pamela O'Donnell, Director, Sustainable Development Division