



Global Quarry Products

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RE: White's Cove Quarry Blasting Plan – Addendum 1

Following are our response to the comments from Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Habitat Management division in their letter of December 11, 2002.

General Comment 1 – Third paragraph of referenced letter.

Response – Please refer to Drawing 1 and Figure 1 in our November 20, 2002 Blasting Plan. The horizontal distance between the ordinary high water mark and the closest explosive charge is 73 meters. This dimension is taken from Scotia Surveys Ltd. Plan No. D6153-02 dated September 20, 2002 – Plan of Quarry Site. Since under normal conditions, no or negligible water column would exist at the ordinary high water mark, this distance is twice the distance indicated in your Blasting Guidelines for the proposed weight of explosives [45kg]per delay from potential “fish habitat” as beginning at the original high water mark seaward. Permanent survey markers are located on-site if more specific measurements are required.

The location of the proposed initial blast is adjacent to the White's Cove intertidal zone-see Drawing 1. This is typical of the closest proximity that blasting will be done in relation to potential “fish and spawning” habitat. It should be noted that the White's Cove

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