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Attention: Mr. Derek McDonald.

Dear Derek,

Thanks for your e-mail of the 17th with regard to the 3.9 Ha operation. Under separate cover I have sent you a copy of the Approval to Construct and Operate this quarry effective April 30th 2002 issued to Nova Stone Exporters Inc.. Please note Section 2d under Scope of Approval. Essentially if the work authorized by the Approval is not commenced within a year the Approval is null and void. It appears that there is room for an extension by the Administrator but I am not aware of the conditions for an extension. In any event I can advise that we are in the process of carrying out the work authorized as of April 15th 2003 so the question is moot.

Nova Stone's intentions for the 3.9 Ha quarry are to open it in accordance with the Approval and crush rock. This rock will be used initially for the construction of the various environmental controls as set out in the application for the 3.9 Ha quarry and to construct a new access road to the 3.9 Ha quarry. It was Nova Stone's intent to acquire the section of Whites Cove Road on the property but this has not been possible and a new road is required to provide better grades and for security.

We have had and no doubt will continue to have problems with site security. Three of our boreholes were vandalised making it impossible to carry out hydrogeological work in these holes until we get a drill rig in to reopen them. A tree was felled across the Whites Cove Road while the CLC was on site last year and yesterday all our hay bales were deliberately set on fire. The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries' constituency assistant, who lives in Mink Cove, has had to replace six slashed tires and cannot get mail

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delivered due to continuous vandalism of her mail box. We have equipment on site which has to be driven off site every evening at this time. A new gated road is essential to our operations.

While we are gaining sufficient rock for the environmental controls it is our intent to monitor early blasts to ensure compliance with the Terms and Conditions set out in the Approval and also the parameters set out in DFO's Guidelines. The information gathered from the monitoring is seen by Global Quarry Products as a significant part of its CSR ie: a clear demonstration that blasting can be carried out without creating problems.

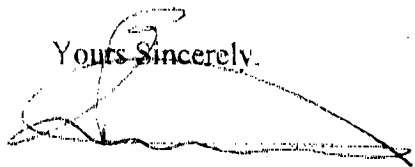
When permits are issued for the larger quarry and the marine terminal the 3.9 Ha site will simply be enlarged to the NE in order to provide sufficient rock for shipment over an extended period of time.

Under Section 10. (Blasting) of the Approval, subsection i) refers to a report to be submitted to DFO verifying that the intended charge size and blast design will not have an adverse effect on **marine mammals** in the area. An initial blasting plan was submitted for the 3.9 Ha quarry on Sept. 17th 2002 ie: seven months ago. It is difficult to understand how we have arrived at this date without a resolution and it is even more difficult to understand how a plan was apparently approved within days at Tiverton with very similar separation distances from fish habitat and marine work of sufficient scale to create serious silt plumes in local waters.

As I have stated on many occasions it is the position of my principals to comply with the spirit as well as the specifications set out in the various guidelines and regulations. It is further our position that from the inception we have in fact demonstrated this policy.

We have faced continuous distortion of facts, deliberate mischief and vandalism from our opponents in this venture and I personally believe that this project should be rebalanced, as succinctly stated by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans in a recent local newspaper interview.

Yours Sincerely,



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