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Honourable Ron Russell
Minister of Environment and Labour
Terminal Road Building
Halifax NS

Dear Mr. Russell:

I recently met with Mr. Paul Buxton the engineer representative for the company which is trying to develop a quarry at White's Cove on Digby Neck.

As you can no doubt appreciate, the company is somewhat frustrated with the time and effort that has been required to meet the guidelines for a blasting permit on the 3.9 hectare site.

Mr. Buxton indicated his frustration is compounded by the fact that a 3.9 hectare quarry has been approved and blasting has occurred at Tiverton on Long Island. From Mr. Buxton's perspective, the approval process for the Tiverton site seems to have progressed quite smoothly.

The proponents of the White's Cove project would like some indication as to what will be required for them to have a blasting permit issued.

I recognize also that the company is now involved in a CEA process which involves the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Perhaps your staff could advise the proponent of the status of this process.

Yours truly,

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