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REFERENCE

**MEMORANDUM TO MINISTER
NOTE DE SERVICE AU MINISTRE**

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| Subject / Objet Aguathuna Quarry Development Project, Newfoundland | Purpose for Memorandum / Raison d'être Approval and Signature |
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PURPOSE

Your decision is required on whether the construction and operation of a limestone quarry and marine terminal by Aguathuna Quarries in Aguathuna, Newfoundland, should be referred back to the responsible authority, the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), for action or requires further environmental assessment by a mediator or review panel. Your approval is also required for the communication of your decision and recommendations to ACOA.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that you reply to the President of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, Mr. Michael Horgan, indicating that:

1. you have concluded that the project, as described with mitigation, is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects and that you are referring the project back to ACOA for action under section 37 of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*;
2. the responsible authority:
 - a) ensure that all mitigation measures described in the comprehensive study report are implemented;
 - b) ensure that a follow-up program is developed that can determine the effectiveness of measures taken to mitigate any adverse environmental effects of the project, and can verify the accuracy of the environmental assessment of the project; and
 - c) is encouraged to issue a public notice outlining its course of action; and

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3. the Agency will follow up with the responsible authority to ensure that the mitigation measures as described are undertaken and that the prediction of environmental effects was accurate.

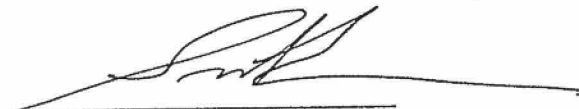
This response will fulfil your requirements under the Act's comprehensive study process. It will allow ACOA to complete its decision-making process under the Act.

If you accept this course of action, a letter to Mr. Michael Horgan has been prepared for your signature. In addition, a letter to the Honourable George S. Baker notifying him of your decision, has been prepared for your signature.

A copy of pertinent background information on the technical review of the project and on the comments received from the public is attached for your consideration.

Also attached for your consideration is a copy of the comprehensive study report and its executive summary.

I would be pleased to discuss this decision-making process or the environmental assessment of the project at your convenience.



Sid Gershberg

I agree with this recommendation:



David Anderson, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: Len Good

Attachments