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Mr. Robert Rose
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Dear Mr. Rose:

Subject: Belleoram Crushed Rock Export Quarry Screening Assessment – Project Description Required

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) received your plan on April 12, 2006 concerning a proposal to develop a crushed granite rock quarry near the town of Belleoram, NL. To expedite future correspondence or inquiries, please refer to your referral title and file numbers when you contact us.

Referral File No.: 06-HNFL-NA2-000-000011
Habitat File No.: BAB 3970-18
Referral Title: Construction of a Crushed Rock Export Quarry, Belleoram, NL

It is our understanding that your proposal consists of:

- construction of a marine wharf;
- infilling of the lagoon located south of the Belleoram Barasway;
- construction of an intake and subsequent drawdown of water bodies to be used as water supplies for the washing station; potential use of water bodies as settling ponds; potential drawdown or dewatering of water bodies for the purpose of supplying water to man-made settling ponds; infilling or dewatering of water bodies in order to quarry the area; and
- construction of stream crossings for roads and/or pipelines,

as outlined in the following plans:

- Project description entitled, "Continental Stone Limited Proposed Development Belleoram Crushed Granite Rock Quarry", dated April 3, 2006

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- Letter from R. Rose, with supporting map, originally submitted to Transport Canada, dated June 14, 2006

Subsection 35(2) of the *Fisheries Act* has been included in the list of laws that trigger the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA). This means that DFO will be required to conduct an environmental assessment of aspects of your development proposal, as prescribed by CEAA, before deciding to issue an authorization. As advised in our letter dated December 6, 2006 (Roberge to Rose), an aspect of the proposal, namely the marine terminal, is being considered by DFO in a Comprehensive Study process that will likely result in a Harmful Alteration, Disruption, or Destruction (HADD) of fish habitat.

As discussed at the meeting between DFO, Continental Stone Limited, and AMEC on September 29, 2006, and as per my e-mail of October 10, 2006, DFO requires the submission of a detailed project description for the components of the project, other than the marine terminal, to facilitate a HADD determination. This project description should include information on the construction, operation, modification, decommissioning, or abandonment for the following project components: all water control structures; stream crossings created during construction of the access road; infilling and/or dewatering of aquatic (freshwater and marine) habitats associated with operation of the quarry and road construction; and drawdown or dewatering of water bodies for the purpose of supplying water to the washing station.

In the event these proposed activities are likely to result in a HADD and the issuance of a subsection 35(2) Authorization is required, a CEAA Screening will need to be conducted.

It is important that this project description be submitted at your earliest convenience, in order for the Comprehensive Study and any screening processes to be conducted concurrently and to avoid delays in the environmental assessment.

Please feel free to contact me at (709) 772-4912 or via email at barnesm@dfo-mpo.gc.ca if you require any further clarification in relation to the contents of this letter or the enclosed documents.

Yours sincerely,



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