

October 30, 2002

Mr. Paul Buxton, P. Eng.  
P.O. Box 98  
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Dear Mr. Buxton:

**Re: White's Cove Quarry - Approval No.2002-026397 - Nova Stone Exporters Inc.**

Enclosed please find comments from DFO following the review of the submission entitled "Initial Blast Plan, Whites Point Quarry" covering letter dated September 17, 2002, and plan dated August 20, 2002.

This will acknowledge receipt of three copies of the final survey plan entitled Site Plan Showing Proposed Quarry Site and Boundaries of Lands of John A. Johnson & Joan L. Johnson and Jason R. Lineberger & Lida C. Lineberger at Little River (Whites Cove) County of Digby, Province of Nova Scotia, dated September 20, 2002, Plan No. D6153-02. The provision of this document fulfills Section 4 (a) of the Terms and Conditions of the Approval. A copy of this survey plan has been forwarded to DFO, Habitat Management Division.

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Also, this will acknowledge receipt of the blast design for the initial blast, (covering letter, two page specifications) dated October 8, 2002, at the Yarmouth District Office on October 15, 2002. A copy of this blast design has been forwarded to DFO for review, and comments will be forthcoming.

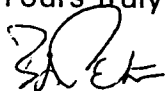
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Department of Fisheries and Oceans  
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PO Box 1006  
Dartmouth, NS B2Y 4A2  
attn: Referrals Secretariat

In turn, our office and that of DFO Habitat Management Division, will automatically copy you on future correspondence as needed. Should you have any questions, please contact Inspector Jacqueline Cook at (902) 742-8985.

Yours truly,



Bob Petrie  
District Manager

cc: DFO, Habitat Management Division  
J. Cook ✓  
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