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To: Geddes, Peter I; MacNeil, Kim; Ryan, Siobhan; Vanstone, Nancy
CC: MacPhail, F Helen
Date: 2008-01-11 9:53 AM
Subject: Call from Paul Buxton

Hello,
We had a scheduled meeting with Mr. Paul Buxton of Bilcon this morning at 10am. On Wednesday, I sent an e-mail confirming the meeting including the following excerpt:

...Yes, you will be meeting with Peter Geddes and myself. Deputy Minister Vanstone is unable to join us. Please understand that the intention of this meeting is not to discuss the specifics of the decision related to the WPQ project. The reasons for this decision are outlined in the letter from Minister Parent dated November 20, 2007. However, we would be pleased to discuss our regulatory process, in a general sense, as outlined in the Environmental Assessment Regulations with your group.

The above wording was based primarily on solicitor advice. I did not receive a response to this e-mail or my subsequent voice mails until this morning at 9:15 when I received a call from Mr. Buxton. Mr. Buxton indicated that he would not be meeting with us today as it was his intention to meet with the Deputy Minister. Following receipt of my e-mail, he sent a letter to Nancy. I have not seen this yet. He said that he had indication from both the Minister and the Deputy Minister that a meeting with the DM was possible. However, after further discussion within the department we had agreed that the meeting should not include the DM.

I promised a response from the department to his letter of Wednesday January 9th and asked him to outline for me the issues he would like to discuss with the Deputy Minister. These are:

- the WPQ decision (wants more detail than provided in the letter)
- the meaning behind Minister's statement to the press...in particular statements regarding impact to "core values" and that there "would be significant environmental effects"
- he wants an explanation and a definition of the meaning of the term "core values"
- he wants to understand the "thinking of the department" that underlies the decision

As previously discussed, our solicitor has advised that we should not answer questions of this nature. We will prepare a draft answer to the letter. Nancy - it would be helpful to know if it is your intention to respond positively to a meeting. I think that you probably should meet with him but we should carefully set the limits of that discussion in advance...if possible, in the response itself.

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