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DISTRICT OFFICE  
MIDDLETON, N.S.

Dear Mr. Buxton:

**RE: Application #2002-025483 - Quarry, Little River, Digby County**

This is to advise that the application for an approval on behalf of Nova Stone Exporters, Inc for the following activity "Quarry" under the Nova Scotia Environment Act has been rejected for the following reasons:

-A review of the application indicates that the proposed quarry exceeds 4 hectares in size. Under **Section 3 (1) of the Environmental Assessment Regulations pursuant to the Environment Act**, quarries which exceed 4 hectares are considered a **Class 1** undertaking and are therefore required to register with the Environmental Assessment Branch. Specifically, a constructed wetland, diversion channel and spillway were not factored into the area calculations.

Please ensure that you forward this rejection notification to Nova Stone Exporters, Inc.

In order to obtain more information on the Environmental Assessment and process, you may obtain a copy of the "*Proponent's Guide to Environmental Assessment*". This can be obtained from our website at [www.gov.ns.ca/enla/ess/ea](http://www.gov.ns.ca/enla/ess/ea) or by contacting our office.

Under Section 137 of the *Environment Act*, a person who is aggrieved by a decision of an Administrator may appeal that decision to the Minister of Environment and Labour within 30 days of the date of this letter. The appeal must be submitted on the attached form.

If you have any questions regarding this decision, please contact me at (902) 742-8985.

Yours truly,



Bob Petrie  
Acting District Manager

cc: Robert Balcom, NSDEL ✓  
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Mark McLean, NSDEL

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