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Mr. Donald J. Campbell, Chief Executive Officer S.W. Weeks Construction Limited P.O. Box 760, New Glasgow Nova Scotia B2H 5G2

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Re: Environmental Assessment - Troy Quarry Expansion

The environmental assessment of the proposed Troy Quarry Expansion near Troy, Inverness County, Nova Scotia has been completed.

This letter is to advise that, pursuant to Section 13 (1)(e) of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*, I have determined that the undertaking is rejected based on likely non-compliance issues with the Industrial Approval #2001-020402 and that there is a likelihood these non-compliance issues will cause adverse effects or significant environmental effects which are unacceptable.

The Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour's Monitoring and Compliance Division will be conducting an investigation of the quarry operation. Once the investigation is complete and any non-compliance issues have been resolved, you may submit an Environmental Assessment Registration for review.

S.W. Weeks Construction Limited shall not commence work on the undertaking until all necessary approvals have been obtained, including approval under Part IV of the *Environment Act*.

If you have any questions, please contact the Manager of the Environmental Assessment Branch, Mr. Chris Daly at (902) 424-4936.

Yours truly,

David Morse

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