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October 30, 2002

Mr. R. Petrie
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Dear Bob:

RE: Whites Cove Quarry – Blasting Plan

I received the additional information you faxed us today on the Whites Cove quarry blasting plan. The individual I rely on to provide advice on mammals is not available this week, so I can't provide you comments until sometime next week at the earliest.

However, I don't wish to approach him with the additional information as it still has not addressed the proponent's responsibilities adequately. Specifically:

- there is no indication of what the bottom is made up of (see my letter to you Sept. 30, 2002).
- According to clause 10 of the Approval to Construct and Operate - Quarry (2002-026397), we expected the following information to accompany a complete blasting plan:
 - (10 - a) assurance from the "qualified person" that the ground vibration and air concussion limits can be achieved
 - (10 - b) water quality analysis
 - (10 - c) assurance that the proponent will undertake weather monitoring and how it will be done
 - (10 - d) acknowledgement that there will be no blasting on Sundays or statutory holidays or between 1800 and 0800 hrs daily
 - (10 - e,f) specific and adequate plan for monitoring the blast
 - (10 - h) acknowledgement that the proponent will comply with the (Blasting Guidelines)
 - (10 - i) verification that the blast design will not have an adverse effect on marine mammals in the area.

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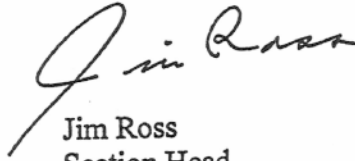
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When we receive a complete package we will proceed with a review of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim Ross".

Jim Ross
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cc: P. Buxton