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## **News Release**

## Belleoram Marine Terminal Project: Environment Minister Announces Decision

OTTAWA - November 22, 2007 - The Honourable John Baird, Minister of the Environment and Minister responsible for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, today announced that the proposed Belleoram Marine Terminal Project in Newfoundland and Labrador is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects. The Minister referred the project back to the responsible authorities, Transport Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), for appropriate action.

The Minister based his environmental assessment decision on the conclusions and recommendations of the comprehensive study report submitted by the responsible authorities; the results of a public comment period and the responsible authorities' responses to those comments; and the implementation of mitigation measures and a follow-up program.

The Belleoram Marine Terminal Project, proposed by Continental Stone Limited, includes the construction, operation, and eventual decommissioning, and/or abandonment of a concrete marine terminal in Belle Bay, on the south coast of the Island of Newfoundland. The terminal will be used by bulk carriers for docking and loading crushed stone from the associated crushed granite rock quarry development. The proposed marine terminal is expected to ship two to six million tonnes of aggregate per year for approximately 50 years.

A copy of the Minister's <u>decision statement</u> can be found on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry using reference number 06-03-19881.

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The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency administers the federal environmental assessment processes, which identify the environmental effects of proposed projects and measures to address those effects, in support of sustainable development.

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