From:

Chris A Daly

To:

L'Esperance, Ronald

Date:

6/20/03 2:46PM

Subject:

Nova Stone/ Giobal Quarry Products Quarry - EA Update

Deputy:

Today we are sending Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) a letter confirming our interest in participating a joint environmental assessment panel for the Global Quarry Products Quarry at White's Point (letter attached). This letter is in response to a formal letter we have received from DFO requesting our participation. We are working with communications staff to get a press release ready to go by the end of next week as we were asked to have this process announced sooner rather than later. We will proceed through proper channels on this announcement and the company will be notified prior to the public announcement.

The next steps will be for us to formalize an MOU and administrative agreement with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) in the coming weeks. We will be negotiating panel membership and appointments, cost sharing, time frames, scope of assessment and logistics. The MOU will be made public for review as required by the federal government, but will likely be kept separate from the administrative agreement we reach.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks, Chris

CC:

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Dear Mr. Boudreau:

RE: Global Quarry Products' Whites Point Quarry

I am writing in response to your letter dated June XX, 2003, respecting Global Quarry Products' proposed Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal.

This letter confirms that Nova Scotia has an environmental assessment requirement for the above project, and we are interested in harmonizing with the federal environmental assessment process. At your request, we are willing to participate in a joint environmental assessment review panel, once an agreement is reached.

Please contact me to arrange a meeting to discuss the details of this process. I can be reached at 424 4936.

Sincerely,

Christopher A. Daly Manager, Environmental Assessment

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