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Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal: Draft Agreement Released for Public Comment on Joint Environmental Assessment Review Panel Process

OTTAWA/HALIFAX - August 11, 2003 - Federal Minister of the Environment David Anderson and Nova Scotia Minister of Environment and Labour Ronald Russell today released, for public comment, a draft agreement on the joint environmental assessment panel review process for the proposed Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal in Digby County.

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and Nova Scotia Environment and Labour are now consulting the public on this agreement and welcome written comments. Comments in either official language must be received **no later than September 18, 2003**. After taking public comments into consideration, the draft agreement will be finalized and made public.

The decision to conduct a panel-level environmental assessment follows a request from the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. This project is also subject to the *Nova Scotia Environment Act*.

"In deciding to refer this project to a review panel," stated Minister Anderson, "I believe that a public process will help Nova Scotians better understand the potential impacts of this project. Public discussion and debate are crucial elements in the review process."

"Public consultation is an important element in any major industrial project, especially one that could impact an important coastal area such as Digby Neck," said Minister Russell. "We believe the panel is the right approach for this project and we're pleased to be working together with our federal partners to conduct this process."

The proposal, submitted by Global Quarry Products Inc., is located at Whites Point in Digby County, Nova Scotia and consists of a 120 hectare basalt quarry and associated deep water marine terminal. Expected production is two million tonnes of aggregate per year.

A copy of the draft agreement is available on the Agency's Web site. The draft document can also be viewed at the following centres:

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
Atlantic Region
1801 Hollis Street, Suite 200
Halifax

Nova Scotia Environment and Labour
Yarmouth District Office
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Yarmouth

Nova Scotia Environment and Labour
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Isaiah W. Wilson Memorial Library
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Annapolis Royal Branch Library
Town Hall
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To register as an interested party and to be kept informed of the panel's activities, please provide a full mailing address, an e-mail address and/or a fax number, as applicable, to one of the contacts listed above.

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CORRECTION

**Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal Proposal:
Comment Period on Draft Agreement Extended**

Please note that the news release distributed by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and posted on its Web site on August 11, 2003, contained an error in the address of the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour (NSDEL). Consequently, some individuals or groups sending comments on the draft agreement to NSDEL may have had them returned.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. **If you sent comments to NSDEL**, please re-send them to one of the following addresses:

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Draft Agreement

Comments must be received no later than October 22, 2003.