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Dear Mr. Buxton:

During our meeting on August 29, 2003, you requested confirmation regarding the environmental assessment process for the Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal project proposed by Global Quarry Products Inc.

On June 26, 2003, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, referred the Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal Project to a review panel pursuant to section 21(b) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (the Act). Prior to the referral, the project was subject to a comprehensive study as defined in the *Comprehensive Study List Regulations* under the Act. Now that the project has been referred to a review panel, a comprehensive study will not be conducted. However, the information that was previously generated may be of value to the current review panel process.

As you are aware, the Minister of the Environment and the Nova Scotia Minister of Environment and Labour released for public comment, a draft agreement on the joint environmental assessment panel review process for the proposed Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal project on August 11, 2003. I would encourage you to review this draft agreement and submit any comments you may have by September 18, 2003.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Chapman

