Good Afternoon All,

Yesterday, May 30, 2007, ACOA received a funding application for the proposed Rock Quarry and Marine Terminal near Belleoram, NL from Continental Stone Limited (the proponent). The funding application specified that funds were requested for the marine terminal portion of the project only therefore ACOA will be limiting their scope of project to the marine terminal only using the "In-Until-Out" Approach.

Up to this point ACOA's involvement in the environmental assessment process has been based on indications that the proponent would eventually apply for funding for aspects of the project. Given that ACOA has now received a funding application and that application specifies funding for the marine terminal only, the three RAs (DFO, TC, and ACOA) will now have the same scope of project for this development proposal and the CSR will be limited to the marine terminal component of the project.

This change in the scope of project will be clearly explained within the draft CSR and will be presented to the public during the second round of public consultation. The quarry development and operation will not be assessed during the CEAA assessment unless there is another federal department triggered as a RA on the quarry site.

The provincial Department of Natural Resources is currently conducting its quarry permitting process which requires the proponent to submit Development, Operation, and Decommissioning/Closure Plans to the province for review and approval. In addition, an Environmental Protection Plan and a Spill Contingency Plan have already been submitted to the province for review and approval.

Attached please find a revised VEC table from the Track Report which was submitted to the Minister of the Environment in December 2006. The VEC Table has been revised to reflect the narrower scope (marine terminal only). Please review the revised VEC table and feel free to provide comments.

Revised VEC Table.doc (45 KB)

I will go through all the comments and highlight those that are related to the marine terminal. If your departmental comments on the draft CSR were related to the marine terminal portion please feel free to send to me again to ensure that they are addressed in the redraft of the CSR. I would appreciate if you could get those comments to me by next Friday, June 7, 2007.
Thanks,

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