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Dear Mr. Buxton:

Re: Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal Project

Thank you for your letter of July 27, 2007, requesting that Bilcon and Nova Scotia Environment and Labour (NSEL) continue discussions with respect to hydrogeological issues at the Whites Point site.

As you have mentioned, the NSEL Hydrogeologist has advised you of NSEL's position that discussions should not go forward with respect to further hydrogeological work until the Panel reports on the project. I agree with the position that it is inappropriate to be entering into such discussions before panel findings have been submitted and a decision has been rendered on the environmental assessment.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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Minister

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