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Original Dated February 4, 2010

Ms. Bonnie L. Miles-Dunn, P.Eng.
Engineer
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Dear Ms. Miles-Dunn:

The environmental assessment of the proposed Miller's Creek Mine Extension Project has been completed.

This is to advise that I have approved the above project in accordance with Section 18 (a) of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*, pursuant to Part IV of the *Environment Act*. As a condition of this approval, the mine operation will be confined to the 20-year extent as delineated in the Focus Report, October 2009.

The project has been considered with respect to potential adverse effects and environmental effects, including effects on socio-economic conditions. I am satisfied following a review of the information provided by CGC Inc. - Fundy Gypsum, and through the government and public consultation as part of the environmental assessment, that any adverse effects or significant environmental effects of the undertaking can be adequately mitigated through compliance with the attached terms and conditions.

This approval will allow the mine to proceed on a limited basis while carefully monitoring and reporting environmental effects, particularly with respect to impacts to surface water, groundwater and species-at-risk. In the future, should CGC Inc. decide it wants to continue its operations beyond the approved extent, a new environmental assessment will be required.

This letter, in conjunction with the attached terms and conditions, constitutes my approval. This approval is subject to any other approvals required by statute or regulation, including approval pursuant to Part V of the *Environment Act*.

If you have any questions regarding the approval of this project, please contact the Acting Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch, Mr. Peter Geddes at (902) 424-6250.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Sterling Beilliveau
Minister

c: Peter Geddes

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