

## PROJECT OUTLINE

Part 1 of this report describes findings from research on potential filler consumers in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Maine and eastern Quebec.

First the major industry groups, including plastics, paint, paper, rubber and carpet backing manufacturers, which are the most probable users of fillers, were identified. From these groupings, industry names, numbers and contacts were taken out of manufacturers guides for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Maine. Out of Province companies with only a small number of employees were not contacted because it was evident that only the man-

ufacturers with larger operations dealt with actual raw materials. In Nova Scotia, all potential users were identified and contacted regardless of employment figures.

Part 2 is an assessment of deposits. It begins with a review of previous work on several mineral deposits and occurrences in the Province. This is followed by field and sample investigations and lab testing. The focus of the study is on barite, diatomaceous earth, kaoline, muscovite, ground silica and calcium carbonate deposits with some attention being directed towards talc, titanium bearing minerals and wollastonite.

A bibliography of reports and articles on fillers and extenders has been amassed and is included in the back.

