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Office of the Minister

Original Dated September 14, 2007

Mr. Ted vanZutphen, VP 2227754 Nova Scotia Limited P.O. Box 130 Port Hood, NS B0E 2W0

Dear Mr. VanZutphen:

Re: Environmental Assessment - MacLeod's Settlement Pit Development, Inverness County, Nova Scotia

The environmental assessment of the proposed MacLeod's Settlement Pit Development, Inverness County, Nova Scotia, has been completed.

This is to advise that I have approved the above project in accordance with Section 13(1)(b) of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*, pursuant to Part IV of the *Environment Act*. I am satisfied following a review of the information provided by 2227754 Nova Scotia Limited, 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 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 but not limited to, approval under Part V of the Nova Scotia *Environment Act* (Approvals and Certificates section).

If you have any questions regarding the approval of this project, please contact the Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch, Ms. Lorrie Roberts via email ROBERTLA@gov.ns.ca

Sincerely yours,

Original Signed By

Mark Parent
Minister of Environment & Labour

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