



February 18, 2002

Mr. John Keating, President
Black Bull Resources Inc.
#303 Sun Tower, 100 West Pender St.,
Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 1R8

Dear Mr. Keating:

Re: Environmental Assessment - White Rock Mine

The environmental assessment review of the registration document and the addendum for the proposed White Rock Mine near Flintstone Rock, Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia has been completed.

This letter is to advise that, pursuant to Subsection 13 (1)(d) of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*, I have determined the review of the information indicates that there may be adverse effects or significant environmental effects caused by the undertaking and an environmental assessment report is required.

Within the next 12 days the Environmental Assessment Administrator will be publishing a notice inviting the public to submit written comments for consideration in preparation of terms of reference for the environmental assessment report. Following the publication of the notice, the public will have 40 days to submit written comments. Following the public comment period, Black Bull Resources Inc. will have an opportunity to respond to the comments submitted prior to the issuance of a final terms of reference. Please contact the Environmental Assessment Administrator, Mr. Chris Daly for further information on the environmental assessment report process.

Until I have notified Black Bull Resources Inc. in writing that the undertaking is approved, no person shall commence work on the undertaking.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Chris Daly at (902) 424-4936.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

David Morse
Minister