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Office of the Minister

Original Dated April 7, 2008

Mr. Cecil Vance Municipal Enterprises Limited P.O. Box 48100 RPO Mill Cove Bedford, NS B4A 3Z2

Dear Mr. Vance:

Re: Environmental Assessment - Panuke Road Quarry Expansion, Hants County, Nova Scotia

The environmental assessment of the proposed Panuke Road Quarry Expansion, Hants 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 Municipal Enterprises 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

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