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Office of the Minister

Original Dated April 18, 2006

Ted vanZutphen Rhodena Rock Ltd. P.O. Box 130 Port Hood, NS B0E 2W0

Dear Mr. VanZutphen:

Re: Environmental Assessment - Rhodena Rock Quarry Expansion

The environmental assessment of the proposed Rhodena Rock Quarry Expansion project, 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 Rhodena Rock Limited and comments submitted by government participants (refer to comments attached), 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 Acting Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch, Julie Towers at (902) 424-4155 or towersjk@gov.ns.ca.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Carolyn Bolivar-Getson Minister

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