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Office of the Minister _

Original Dated Aug. 29, 2005

Sean O'Connor Sovereign Resources Inc., Vice President P.O. Box 48100 Bedford, NS B4A 3Z2

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

Re: Environmental Assessment - Sovereign Resources Quarry Modification/Expansion Project

The environmental assessment of the proposed Sovereign Resources Quarry Modification/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 Sovereign Resources Inc. and comments submitted by government and public participants, 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).

Issues were raised during the review process and the comments are attached for your information.

If you have any questions regarding the approval of this project, please contact the Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch, Mr. Chris Daly at (902) 424-4936.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kerry Morash Minister bcc:

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