# Nova Scotia Environment and Labour ("NSEL")

## **Environmental Assessment Approval**

Approval Date: Original dated August 6/2004

## **Battery Storage Facility**

Maritime Metal Inc., Proponent

Burnside Industrial Park Halifax Regional Municipality

The Battery Storage Facility, proposed by Maritime Metal Inc. (the "Proponent"), Burnside Industrial Park, Halifax Regional Municipality, is approved pursuant to Section 13(1)(b). This Approval is subject to the following conditions and obtaining all other necessary approvals, permits or authorizations required by municipal, provincial and federal acts, regulations, by-laws, guidelines, policies or standards before commencing work on the Undertaking. It is the responsibility of the Proponent to ensure that all such approvals, permits or authorizations are obtained before commencing work on the Undertaking.

This Environmental Assessment Approval is based upon the review of the conceptual design, environmental baseline information, impact predictions, and mitigation presented in the Registration Information.

## **Terms and Conditions for Environmental Assessment Approval**

#### 1.0 General Approval

- 1.1 The Environmental Assessment Approval for the project is limited to the project as described in the registration document. Any proposal by the Proponent for expansion, extension, modification or relocation of any aspect of the project from that proposed in the registration document must be submitted to the Environmental Assessment Branch for review and may require an environmental assessment.
- 1.2 The Environmental Assessment Approval shall expire within two years of the date of its issuance unless the Proponent commences work on the Undertaking by the end of the two year period, unless granted a written extension by the Minister.

- 1.3 The Proponent shall not transfer, sell, lease, assign or otherwise dispose of this approval without the written consent of the Minister. The sale of a controlling interest of a business or a transfer of an approval from a parent company to a subsidiary or an affiliate is deemed to be a transfer requiring consent.
- 1.4 The Proponent shall implement all mitigation and commitments in the Registration Document, unless approved otherwise by NSEL.

#### 2.0 Facility Operation

- 2.1 The Proponent shall not store more than 32 pallet loads or 1600 total used batteries on site at any one time without prior approval from the District Manager of the NSEL, Environmental Monitoring and Compliance Division, Bedford Office.
- 2.2 The Proponent shall not store more than 50 batteries in the inside storage area at any one time without prior approval from the District Manager of the NSEL, Environmental Monitoring and Compliance Division, Bedford Office.
- 2.3 Waste acid shall not be removed from batteries stored at the facility without prior approval from the District Manager of the NSEL, Environmental Monitoring and Compliance Division, Bedford Office.
- 2.4 Three months prior to a permanent shutdown of the facility, the Proponent shall provide a facility abandonment plan for approval by NSEL Environmental Monitoring and Compliance Division, Bedford Office.
- 2.5 The Proponent shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Nova Scotia *Dangerous Goods Management Regulations*.
- 2.6 The Proponent shall ensure that any batteries sent to facilities in Nova Scotia for handling or disposal, are sent to only those facilities holding the appropriate approvals for the handling and disposal of waste dangerous goods.
- 2.7 As part of the application for Part V Approval under the *Environment Act*, the Proponent shall provide the following for review and approval:
  - a) details and specifications of indoor and outdoor spill containment structures, and appropriate maintenance details.
  - b) details of the types of batteries to be stored at the facility.

c) locations of nearest storm drains to the facility.

#### 3.0 Contingency Plans

3.1 As part of the application for Part V approval, the Proponent shall submit for approval a revised Spills Contingency Plan which includes the following contact to be included on the agency notification list for events where spills enter the sanitary or storm sewer system.

Halifax Regional Municipality Environmental Emergency Number 426-6030

- 3.2 As part of the application for Part V Approval under the *Environment Act*, the Proponent shall provide an acceptable contingency plan that addresses short or long-term disruptions in the ability of the Proponent to transport used batteries to recycling facilities, including but not limited to, labour disruptions and short or long-term loss of battery recycling facilities.
- 3.3 The Proponent shall provide within 60 days of issuance of this approval a contingency plan that addresses fire at the facility to be reviewed and approved by the Halifax Regional Municipality's Fire and Emergency Service.

### 4.0 Transportation

4.1 The Proponent shall notify NSEL, Environmental Monitoring and Compliance Division, Bedford Office of any spill of acid during transportation or storage.

Original signed by	
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Minister of Environment and Labour