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Reg. # 2160

Cory Grandy
Deputy Minister
Department of Transportation and Infrastructure

Dear Mr. Grandy:

Re: Aspen Brook Bridge Replacement

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental environmental assessment screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by Part X of the Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Please be advised that this undertaking is **released** from further environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- You are required to uphold all commitments made in your environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the project on the environment.
- You are required to update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of the project, including a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the project, within one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates, if requested. Please email project updates to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

Federal and provincial government departments and agencies that reviewed your project during the environmental assessment provide the following advice:

The Water Resources Management Division of my Department advises that you must obtain permits for any work in a body of water, including wetland, and for any infilling work within fifteen metres of a body of water. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-1646.

The Pollution Prevention Division of my Department indicates the Waste Management Section should be contacted prior to disposal of bridge debris. For further information, please contact the Pollution Prevention Division at (709) 729-1810 or email ryanm@gov.nl.ca.

The Government Service Centre of the Department of Digital Government and Service NL advises you to have spill response equipment readily available on-site to ensure that a quick and effective response to a spill event is possible. Any spill or leak of gasoline or associated product is to be reported immediately to Digital Government and Service NL by calling the Environmental Emergencies Telephone Line at (709) 772-2083 or 1-800-563-9089.

The Occupational Health and Safety Division of DGSNL advises that you must generally ensure that activities associated with the project are conducted in compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and its regulations. This includes the responsibility for ensuring that contractors hired to perform work also comply with this legislation. For further information, please contact the Occupational Health and Safety Division at 1-800-563-5471.

The Department of Industry, Energy and Technology indicates Newfoundland Power should be advised of the project.

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) recommends that in order to avoid nest destruction and to accommodate the breeding season of migratory songbirds and waterfowl, operations should consider nesting locations between April 15th and August 15th in this region. ECCC requests that you provide a GIS file of the project boundaries and study area so that the project can be mapped for consideration of cumulative effects. For further information, please contact the Canadian Wildlife Service at (709) 772-4221.

Transport Canada advises that the proposed bridges may require approval under the Canadian Navigable Waters Act. For further information contact Transport Canada at (709) 772-3088 or email Melissa.Ginn@tc.gc.ca.

Although the undertaking as proposed is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals and legislative requirements. You must comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and approvals. You are required to inform this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.

Please note that in accordance with Section 17 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, the Minister's decision is valid for a period of three years from the date of this

letter. If you have not commenced your project within this three-year period, you may apply to extend the three-year period for a maximum of three one-year periods, if needed. For further information, please email EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director (A), Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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