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Reg. # 2223

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Dear Peter Dolomount:

RE: Flat Bay Quarry (the Project)

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 the Project 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.
- The Water Resources Management Division (WRMD) of this department requires you to submit a Water Resources Management Plan (WMP) that is approved by the WRMD prior to commencing any work related to the Project. The WMP must include a description of the following:
 - measures that will be deployed, such as vegetative cover, filter strip, silt curtain or other sediment control measures, to ensure that onsite drainage, surface run-off and discharge, and/or dewatering water that leaves the site conforms to the requirements of the Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations, 2003; and
 - the water control measures to be deployed onsite for daily operations and high precipitation events. For further information, please contact the WRMD at (709) 729-1229 or email mohammadkhayer@gov.nl.ca.



- You must advise the Environmental Assessment Division when the conditions of release have been met, by emailing a written description, documents, and images (where applicable) to demonstrate that the conditions have been fulfilled to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.
- You must 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 the Project during the environmental assessment provide the following advice:

The Climate Change Branch (CCB) of this department advises that heavy equipment should be operated in a manner to maximize fuel efficiency, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions that could contribute to climate change. Clearing of any trees or vegetation can contribute to climate change and project planning should consider provincial climate change projections for Stephenville, the nearest regional site. For further information, please contact the CCB at (709) 729-1485.

The Pollution Prevention Division (PPD) of this department advises that all waste material generated during construction and operations is to be placed in suitable refuse containers and removed to an approved waste disposal site, with the approval of the site owner/operator. For further information, please contact the PPD at (709) 729-5782.

The Government Service Centre (GSC) of the Department of Digital Government and Service NL advises that drinking water for the Project site must be obtained from an approved offsite supply or from a dug/drilled well located and installed in accordance with the Sanitary Dug Well pamphlet located at http://www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/publichealth/envhealth/dug_wells_2009.pdf. 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 772-2083 or 1-800-563-9089. The GSC informs that a minimum 30-metre tree screen is to be maintained between the nearest Project boundary and the highway right-of-way, and any existing tree screen concealing the operation from public view is to be maintained. Further, any proposed access roads to the site must be approved by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure. The GSC recommends that you contact the Regional Office of the GSC in Stephenville, prior to the start of Project construction, to discuss any relevant permits and or approvals that may be required. For more information, please contact the Regional Office at (709) 643-8650.

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (FFA) advises that a commercial cutting permit is required prior to any harvesting or timber removal and an operating permit is required prior to the start of any Project work during the forest fire season. A permit to burn must be obtained during the forest fire season to ignite fire within 300-metres of forest land. For further information, please contact FFA at (709) 637-2353.

The Department of Industry, Energy and Technology (IET) advises that a quarry permit is required for the Project, and that mine waste is not permitted to be removed as part of the proposed quarry operation. Additional information will be required during the quarry application phase. IET further advises you to contact Newfoundland Power Inc. regarding the presence of assets in proximity to the Project. For further information, please contact IET at (709) 729-5811.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada advises that the modernized **Fisheries Act** includes fish and fish habitat protection provisions which came into effect on August 28, 2019. If you are conducting work in or near water you should refer to the Projects Near Water website to get information about how to comply with the **Fisheries Act** and as well as information on the project review process. The "Projects Near Water" website is located at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>. For more information, please contact the Fisheries Protection Program at (709) 772-4140.

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) recommends that you prepare the following plans:

- Oil Spill Prevention and Response Plan that includes wildlife response activities;
- Contingency plan that considers potential accidents and malfunctions for site-specific activities;
- Migratory Bird Management Plan; and
- Wetland Compensation Plan.

ECCC further advises 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 15 and August 15 in this region. The Canadian Wildlife Service of the ECCC provides a list of avian and non-avian species that are listed on Schedule 1 of the **Species at Risk Act**, and requests that any sightings be reported to ec.scfatldonneesei-cwsatliadata.ec@ec.ac.ca. The **Species at Risk Act** "General prohibitions" apply to this Project, and ECCC recommends that you complete an analysis of potential impacts on the migratory birds listed on Schedule 1 and take measures to avoid or lessen those effects. For more information, please contact ECCC-Canadian Wildlife Service at (709) 772-4221.

Health Canada (HC) advises that that if there is potential for impacts to human receptors from noise and/or air quality changes, mitigation measures should be established. You should also establish a process to ensure that receptors are informed prior to loud



activities and that any complaints are collected and addressed. If complaints are received additional mitigation measures may be required. In addition, HC advises you to consider preparing a response plan in the event of an accident or malfunction with the potential to impact drinking and/or recreational water quality and/or country foods, including a plan to notify all potentially impacted receptors. For further information, please contact HC at (902) 237-7478.

Although the undertaking as proposed is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. You must comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and approvals. You must 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 the 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, Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bernard Davis", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

HON. BERNARD DAVIS, MHA
District of Virginia Waters - Pleasantville
Minister

Enclosure

Cc: Hon. Scott Reid, MHA – St. George's-Humber