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Department of Environment and Conservation
Office of the Minister

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Mr. Brandon MacDonald
Director, Highway Design and Construction Div.
Dept. of Transportation and Works
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Dear Mr. MacDonald:

RE: Pinware River – Route 510 (Trans Labrador Highway) Realignment

Your proposal has been reviewed and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public and government agencies as required by the *Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2*. Upon consideration of the comments received, please be advised that this undertaking is released from further environmental assessment with the following conditions:

- *The Proponent is required to prepare and submit an Environmental Protection Plan to be approved by the Minister prior to the commencement of construction.*
- *The proponent must complete an Archaeological Impact Assessment for the proposed route and submit it to the Provincial Archaeology Office prior to the commencement of construction.*

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans also requires that an "Application for Request for Project Review" be submitted to the Area Habitat Biologist for each proposed stream crossing. For further information contact Darren Sooley, Area Habitat Biologist - Western at (709) 637-4349.

Please be aware that you are obliged to inform this Department of any significant changes to your proposal. A summary of comments from agencies received during the review period is attached to provide an indication of applicable permits, approvals, and legislation.

Please note that the list of permits and approvals in the comment summary attached may not be complete, and that you are required to comply with all relevant legislation.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Mr. Bas Cleary,
Director, Environmental Assessment Division at 729-0673.

Sincerely,



CHARLENE JOHNSON
Minister

cc: Ms. Martha Drake, Dept. of Tourism, Culture & Recreation
Ms. Michelle Roberge, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Mr. Roger Pottle, Dept. of Transportation & Works