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Mr. Chris Adams, Chair
Newfoundland Cider Company
7 Wallace Road
Milton NL A5A 3A2

Dear Mr. Adams:

RE: Milton Cidery and Orchard Project

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by 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 condition:

- A minimum 30-meter naturally vegetated buffer must be maintained along all watercourses, waterbodies, and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species and their habitat.

The Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment advises that, in the event that you are planning to drill a well for a water supply, or to use an existing well, you must apply for and obtain a Permit for Constructing a Non-Domestic Well under the Water Resources Act, 2002, prior to the start of construction. For more information please contact the Groundwater Section of Municipal Affairs and Environment at (709) 729-2539.

The Department of Natural Resources instructs that, in relation to existing quarries in the area, the proposed orchard and cidery shall not provide cause to impede or obstruct quarry operations, quarry expansion, exploration for quarry materials, or quarry-related traffic.

The Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment supports Environment and Climate Change Canada's recommendation 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.

However, as some species protected under the Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA) do nest outside of this time period, it is the responsibility of the proponent to ensure that project activities are in compliance with the MCBA and associated regulations.

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.

You are encouraged to refer to the BizPaL website at www.bizpal.ca. BizPaL is an online tool that generates a list of permits, licenses and authorizations that may be required when starting or expanding a business. You are also encouraged to contact Canada Business Newfoundland and Labrador (CBNL) for any additional information you may need in dealing with various levels of government. CBNL serves as a first point of access to federal and provincial government services, programs and regulatory requirements for business. CBNL can be reached by telephone at 1-888-576-4444 or online at www.canadabusiness.gc.ca.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Dr. Susan Squires, Director of Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or email susansquires@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eddie Joyce".

EDDIE JOYCE, MHA

District of Humber-Bay of Islands
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

cc. Neil King, MHA
District of Bonavista

Attachment