



File # 2.2123.0187 Reg. #1945 APR 1 9 2018

Mr. Gerald Kennedy, Manager Mineral Lands Division, Quarry Materials Section Department of Natural Resources P.O. Box 8700 St. John's, NL A1B 4J6

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

RE: Harbour Arterial Mineral Workings Area ("HAMWA") Expansion - Registration 1945

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.

I understand that you are committing to conducting air quality and noise monitoring (both baseline and follow-up) programs for the project area. For further information and guidance on air quality and noise, please contact Health Canada at (902) 426-4028. Please provide copies of these reports to the Environmental Assessment Division.

The Land use Planning Division of this department advises that approvals are required from the City of St. John's and the Department of Service NL. For further information, please contact the City of St. John's at (709) 576-8452 and the Department of Service NL at (709) 729-2008.

The Water Resources Management Division of this Department advises that if the proposed quarry operation uses water from a natural body of water or impacts the water quantity and/or quality of any body of water or stream, then prior commencing any work a water resources management plan must be prepared. The plan must include the information requirements pursuant to the *Water Resources Act, SNL2002 cW-4.01* and its regulations and policies. They also advise that if a groundwater dewatering well is required, the proponent must apply for and obtain a Permit for Constructing a Non-Domestic Well for drilled well(s) along with following necessary groundwater monitoring requirements prior to the start of the well's construction. Additionally, the Paddy's Pond is an area of concern for potential blue green algae blooms. This area is widely used for recreational purposes. Blasting activities and any runoff must be controlled in order to prevent further nutrient loading of these water bodies which could lead to blue-green algae blooms and loss of recreational use. For further information, please

contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-2295 or (709) 729-2539.

The Government Service Centre of the Department of Service NL requires you to contact them regarding a development permit under the *Protected Road Zoning Regulations* as this development is located within 400 metres of the centre line of the Trans- Canada Highway. For further information, please contact the Government Service Centre at (709) 729-2008.

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. For further information, please contact the Canadian Wildlife Service at (709) 772-2154.

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. Please note that 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.

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

Sincerely,

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District of Humber-Bay of Islands

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

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Cc. Barry Petten, MHA

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