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File # 2.2123.0192

Reg. #1970

Mr. Rodney Sparkes  
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Dear Mr. Sparkes:

**RE: Piper's Hole Sand Quarry Extension – Registration 1970**

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 conditions:

- The proponent must not clear any vegetation or conduct any operations within 800 metres of a bald eagle or osprey nest during the nesting season (March 15 to July 31), and 200 metres during the remainder of the year. The 200 metre buffer also applies to all other raptor nests (e.g. Northern Goshawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Merlin, American kestrel, Great-horned Owl, Boreal Owl and Northern Saw-whet Owl). The location of any raptor nest site must be reported to the Wildlife Division.
- The proponent must avoid land clearing activities during the breeding, nesting and rearing periods for migratory birds (April 15<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup>).
- The proponent must maintain a minimum 50 metre wide undisturbed buffer around all water bodies including wetlands.

The Water Resources Management Division of this Department advises that you must prepare and submit a water resources management plan for approval, and obtain a permit for work in any body of water and a water use licence. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-2295.

The Mines Branch of the Department of Natural Resources expects that you will access this quarry site through your existing quarry permit area. They advise that a quarry permit is required. For further information, please contact the Mines Branch at (709) 729-5738.

The Forestry Division of the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources advise that you are required to obtain a commercial cutting permit and an operating permit prior to any harvesting and/or timber removal activities. For further information, please contact the

Clareville District Office at (709) 466-7439.

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](mailto:susansquires@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



**ANDREW PARSONS, QC**  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

Attachment

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