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Reg. #2021

Mr. Larry Puddister
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Dear Mr. Puddister:

RE: White Hills (St. John's) Rock Quarry – Registration 2021

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 this undertaking is **released** from further environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- The proponent must not conduct land clearing activities between April 15th and August 15th in order to limit disturbance during the breeding season for migratory birds and to ensure that there will be no incidental take of birds, nests and eggs.
- The proponent must maintain a minimum 30 metre naturally vegetated buffer along all waterbodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat.

The Mines Branch of the Department of Natural Resources advises that you are required to obtain a quarry lease for the proposed quarry area. Please be advised that standard conditions of a quarry permit require that quarry operations be screened from adjacent roadways and other adjacent areas used by the general public. In this case, where the existing quarry is long established, the present level of visibility serves as the baseline from which to measure the visibility of the proposed new quarry. For further information, please contact the Department of Natural Resources, Mines Branch at (709) 729-5748.

Service NL advises that the extent of land clearing and grubbing should be restricted such that naturally vegetated areas between the site and surrounding properties and thoroughfares are maintained. For further information, please contact Service NL at (709) 729-3699.

The Local Governance and Land Use Planning Division of my department advises that approval from the City of St. John's is required for this undertaking, which includes a

public notification process. For further information, please contact the City of St. John's at (709) 754-2489.

The Water Resources Management Division of my department requires that you obtain a permit for any work in any body of water (including wetland) including but not limited to culverts, bridges, diversion channels, etc. Prior to commencing any work related to this project, a water resources management plan, including information requirements pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, SNL2002 cW-4.01 and its regulations and policies, must be prepared and submitted to the Water Resources Management Division for review and approval. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at 709-729-2295 and 709-729-1229 regarding the permit and management plan, respectively.

The Forestry Division of the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources advises that you are required to obtain a Commercial Harvesting Permit prior to any harvesting or timber removal in the area. An Operating Permit is required prior to the start of any work during the forest fire season and a permit to burn must be obtained to ignite a fire on or within 300 meters of forest land. For further information, please contact the Paddy's Pond District Forestry Office at (709) 729-4180.

Environment and Climate Change Canada advises that high disturbance activities (i.e. blasting) are not to be conducted within 1km of active Common Loon nests during the nesting season (May, June, and July).

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 Joanne Sweeney, Director (A), Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



LISA DEMPSTER, MHA
Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair
Minister

cc: Hon. Bernard Davis, MHA,
District of Virginia Waters - Pleasantville