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Dear Mr. Collins:

**Re: Corner Brook Quarry**

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:

- You are required to uphold all commitments made in your environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the project on the environment.

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- The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture requires the following:
  - no vegetation clearing is to occur 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, Northern Saw-whet Owl); and,
  - a minimum 30-metre undisturbed buffer along all waterbodies and wetlands that appear on a 1:50,000 topo map to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat.

For further information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 709-637-2025.

- A Water Resources Management Plan must be prepared and submitted to the Water Resources Management Division for review and approval, prior to commencing any work related to this project. The Water Resources Management Plan should address/answer the following concerns/questions:
  - If there are any brooks, rivers, ponds, streams or wetlands, present in or within 30 metres of the boundaries of the project site, then please provide the type of water body and its distance from the site.
  - If any of the above-mentioned water bodies are impacted by site operation, describe how the water body will be impacted. A permit/licence from the Water Resources Management Division, may be required.
  - If there is any potential of onsite drainage water, or dewatering water to discharge into a natural water body, describe what precautionary measures, such as vegetative cover, filter strip, silt curtain, etc, are to be deployed to ensure the effluent or runoff meets the requirement of the Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations, 2003.

For further information, please contact Leah Burry, Water Resources Technician II of the Water Rights, Investigations, and Modelling Section at 709-729-1646 or via email at [leahburry@gov.nl.ca](mailto:leahburry@gov.nl.ca).

- You are required to advise me when the conditions of release have been met, by emailing a written description, documents, and images (where applicable) demonstrating that the conditions have been fulfilled to [EAPProjectComments@gov.nl.ca](mailto:EAPProjectComments@gov.nl.ca).
- You are required to update me on the status of your project, including a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for your project, one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates if required by me. Please email your project updates to [EAPProjectComments@gov.nl.ca](mailto:EAPProjectComments@gov.nl.ca).

The Local Governance and Land Use Planning Division of my department notes that the proposed project site is located in a Rural future land use designation and zone. Mineral Workings is listed as a discretionary use in the Rural zone, however, the Corner Brook Integrated Municipal Sustainability Plan Policy 4.11.3 (05) indicates that mineral working in Rural Designations may require a plan amendment. The decision to require an amendment lies entirely with the City of Corner Brook. If the City decides that the proposed quarry does not require an amendment, the proposal must be advertised and Council must consider any written submissions prior to making a decision to permit or refuse the proposed development. For more information, please contact 709-729-3090.

The Pollution Prevention Division of my department reminds you that all water discharged from the proposed site during construction and operation is subject to compliance with the *Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations, 2003*, under the *Water Resources Act*. For further information, please contact the Pollution Prevention Division at 709-729-5782.

The Water Resources Management Division of my department requires that you must apply for and obtain a permit for any work in any body of water (including wetlands), prior to the start of construction. You are also required to apply for and obtain a water use license for the use of any water source for any purpose. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at 709-729-1671.

The Department of Industry, Energy and Technology notes that you have applied for a quarry permit for the proposed site. Should issues or concerns arise that could be better addressed by having the site permitted under a quarry lease as per section 8(9) of the *Quarry Materials Act, 1998*, then the department reserves the discretion to make the determination that a quarry lease is required. If you are to apply for an enlarged quarry site, then a quarry lease will likely be required. The Department of Industry, Energy and Technology indicates that this project lies within the hydrocarbon-bearing Anticosti Basin, and within an area having the potential for oil and gas exploration/production. The department further advises that due to the close proximity of a Newfoundland Power distribution line, you are advised to contact the utility regarding electricity policy issues. For further information, please contact the Department of Industry, Energy and Technology at 709-729-5748.

Environment and Climate Change Canada recommends 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 15 and August 15 in this region. However, as some species protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA)* do nest outside of this time period, it is your responsibility to ensure that project activities are in compliance with the *MCBA* and associated regulations. For further information, please contact 709-772-4221. Environment and Climate Change Canada notes that no high disturbance activities (i.e. blasting) within 1 kilometre of active Common Loon Nest should occur during nesting season (May, June & July).

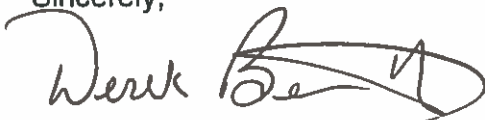
The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada advises you to self-assess using the DFO "Projects Near Water" website located at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>. For further information, please contact the Fisheries Protection Program at 709-772-4140.

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.

Please note that in accordance with Section 17 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, the Minister's decision is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter. If you have not commenced your project within this three year period, you may apply to extend the three-year period for a maximum of three one-year periods, if needed.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director (A), Environmental Assessment Division, at (709)729-0673 or email [joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca](mailto:joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



**DEREK BENNETT, MHA**  
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Minister

Enclosures

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