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Reg. # 2222

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Dear Jonathan Omiachi:

RE: Victoria Abattoir (the Project)

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

- You must uphold all commitments made in your environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the Project on the environment.
- The Pollution Prevention Division of my Department requires that a detailed Waste Management Plan (WMP) that addresses all waste streams produced by the Project, including liquid and solid waste, be submitted for approval prior to the commencement of operations. The WMP must incorporate composting management and should be developed in conjunction with the Department of Fisheries Forestry and Agriculture and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, and describe how to safely and effectively compost waste offal, including the separate composting of specified risk material. The plan should also include details pertaining to vector and odour control and contingencies for any spills of waste or hazardous materials. For further information, please contact the Pollution Prevention Division at (709) 729-5872.
- The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture requires that any vegetation clearing is to occur outside 800 metres of bald eagle or osprey nests 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). The location of raptor nest sites must be reported to the Wildlife



Division. For further information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (709) 637-2052.

- You must advise the Environmental Assessment Division when the conditions of release have been met, by emailing a written description, documents, and images (where applicable) to demonstrate that the conditions have been fulfilled to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.
- You must update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of the Project, including a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the Project, within one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates, if requested. Please email Project updates to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

Federal and provincial government departments and agencies that reviewed the Project during the environmental assessment provide the following advice:

The Climate Change Branch (CCB) of my Department advises that heavy equipment use for Project construction and operations should be operated in a manner to maximize fuel efficiency, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions that could contribute to climate change. For further information, please contact the CCB at (709) 729 – 1485.

The Pollution Prevention Division (PPD) advises that the proposed facility should operate in accordance with the Environmental Standards for Compost Facilities, which can be found at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/files/Guidance-Documents-GD-PPD-048.6-Environmental-Standards-for-Compost-Facilities.pdf>. The PPD further advises that a contingency plan specific to the Project be developed to enable a quick and effective response to a spill event. For further information, please contact the PPD at (709) 729-5782.

The Water Resources Management Division (WRMD) of my Department advises that permits are required under the **Water Resources Act** for construction of a non-domestic well and for non-domestic water use for any purpose, prior to the start of construction. For further information, please contact the WRMD at (709) 729-1646.

The Government Service Centre (GSC) of the Department of Digital Government and Service NL advises that approvals are required for fire/life safety and building accessibility plans, water and sewage system plans and electrical plans, and an electrical permit is required for each meter. Additionally, the facility and operations must comply with the Food Premises Regulations and a Food Premises Licence is required for secondary meat processing. Abattoirs are subject to inspection by the GSC and a licence to construct and operate an abattoir shall be approved by the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture. For further information, please contact the GSC at (709) 729-3699.

The Occupational Health and Safety Division (OHS) of Digital Government and Service NL advises you to generally ensure that activities associated with the Project are conducted in



compliance with the **Occupational Health and Safety Act** and its regulations. This includes the responsibility for ensuring that contractors hired to perform work also comply with this legislation. OHS recommends that you prepare an emergency response plan to address any foreseeable mishap specific to the undertaking. For more information, please contact OHS at (800) 563-5471.

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (FFA) advises you to operate under established legislation to avoid or minimize adverse impacts on flora and fauna. FFA further advises that a new application must be submitted to the Crown Lands Regional Office for consideration if a longer term is needed for your agricultural lease, and future buildings or amendments to the lease must be approved prior to construction. For further information, please contact FFA at (709) 637-2353.

The Department of Industry, Energy and Technology (IET) advises that any quarry materials required for the Project must be obtained from approved sources. IET recommends that you consult with Newfoundland Power Inc. regarding any requirements for new or upgraded electrical service. For further information, please contact IET at (709) 729-5811.

The Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (MPA) advises you to consult with the Town of Victoria for permits required for work within its municipal boundary. For more information, please contact the Department of MPA at (709) 729-3090.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada advises that the modernized **Fisheries Act** includes fish and fish habitat protection provisions which came into effect on August 28, 2019. If you are conducting work in or near water you should refer to the Projects Near Water website for information about how to comply with the **Fisheries Act** and for information on the project review process. The Projects Near Water website is located at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>. For more information, please contact the Fisheries Protection Program at (709) 772-4140.

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) recommends that you prepare the following plans;

- Oil Spill Prevention and Response Plan that includes wildlife response activities
- Contingency Plan that considers potential accidents and malfunctions for site-specific activities
- Gull Management Plan
- Wetland Compensation Plan

ECCC advises 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. The Canadian Wildlife Service of the ECCC provides a list of avian and non-avian species that are listed on Schedule 1 of the **Species at Risk Act**, and requests that any sightings be reported to ec.scfatldonneesei-cwsatliadata.ec@ec.ac.ca. The **Species at Risk Act** "General prohibitions" apply to this



Project, and ECCC recommends that you complete an analysis of potential impacts on the migratory birds listed on Schedule 1 and take measures to avoid or lessen those effects. For more information, please contact ECCC-Canadian Wildlife Service at (709) 772-4221.

Health Canada (HC) advises you to implement mitigation measures if there is potential for impacts to human receptors from noise and/or air quality changes. You should also establish a process to ensure that receptors are informed prior to loud activities and that any complaints are collected and addressed. If complaints are received additional mitigation measures may be required. In addition, please consider preparing a response plan in the event of an accident or malfunction with the potential to impact drinking and/or recreational water quality and/or country foods, including a plan to notify all potentially impacted receptors. For further information, please contact HC at (902) 237-7478.

Although the undertaking as proposed is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other 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 the 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. For further information, please email EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director of the Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bernard Davis".

HON. BERNARD DAVIS, MHA
District of Virginia Waters - Pleasantville
Minister

Enclosure

Cc: The Honourable Steve Crocker, MHA – Carbonear-Trinity-Bay de Verde