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Dear Roberto Margutti:

RE: Class I EA Registration – Antrim Gypsum Project, Halifax County, Nova Scotia

The environmental assessment of the proposed Antrim Gypsum Project in Halifax County, Nova Scotia has been completed.

This letter is to advise that I have approved the above project in accordance with Section 40 of the Nova Scotia *Environment Act*, S.N.S., 1994-95 and subsection 13(1)(b) of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, N.S. Reg. 348/2022, made under the *Act*. Following a review of the information provided by CertainTeed Canada Inc., and the information provided by the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia, and the public during consultation on the environmental assessment, I am satisfied that any adverse effects or significant environmental effects of the undertaking can be adequately mitigated through compliance with the attached terms and conditions and through subsequent approvals.

Please be advised that prior to the alteration of applicable wetlands identified in the Study Area, you will be required to apply for and receive the required Wetland and Watercourse Alteration Approval(s) from the Department. Please be advised that if operations require the withdrawal of surface or groundwater at rates exceeding 23,000 litres/day, you will also be required to apply for and receive a Water Withdrawal Approval from the Department. Decisions regarding such approvals will be made based on the information provided at the time of application while applying the *Environment Act* and relevant regulations. For questions related to any wetland or watercourse alterations, please contact Paula Francis, Business Relationship Manager, at (902) 680-6168 or via email at Paula.Francis@novascotia.ca.

In your Environmental Assessment Registration Document, you identified Species at Risk and/or their habitat within the Study Area, including, but not limited to, Black Ash and Brook Floater mussels as well as karst topography. It is important that you work with the Department of Natural

Resources and Renewables to address or mitigate impacts such that your project meets requirements under provincial and federal legislation related to Species at Risk. The Department of Natural Resources and Renewables may also have additional requirements to mitigate any impacts that could arise because of the geological conditions within your project area.

If you have any questions regarding the approval of this project, please contact Bridget Tutty, Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch, at (902) 717-3170 or via email at Bridget.Tutty@novascotia.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Halman".

Honourable Timothy Halman, MLA
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Encl.

c: Bridget Tutty, Environment and Climate Change
 Paula Francis, Environment and Climate Change
 Julie Bonamy, CEO CertainTeed/Saint-Gobain Canada
 Iain Smart, Project Engineer Antrim Gypsum Project