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Mr. A.G. MacDonald, Vice-President
Alva Construction Limited
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Antigonish, Nova Scotia
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Dear Mr. A.G. MacDonald:

RE: Environmental Assessment – Alva Construction Limited, Hartville Quarry Expansion Project, Hants County, Nova Scotia

The assessment of the proposed Hartville Quarry Expansion Project in Hants 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 Alva Construction Limited, 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 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 alterations or water withdrawal, 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. 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.

If you have any questions regarding the approval of this project, please contact Bridget Tutty, Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch, at (902) 452-7891 or via email at Bridget.Tutty@novascotia.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Halman', is positioned above the typed name.

Honourable Timothy Halman, MLA
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Encl.

c: Connor MacDonald, Alva Construction Limited
Bridget Tutty, Environment and Climate Change
Paula Francis, Environment and Climate Change