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Rick Janega, President  
NSP Maritime Link Inc.  
1223 Lower Water Street  
Halifax, NS B3J 3S8

Dear Mr. Janega:

**Re: Maritime Link**

The environmental assessment of the proposed Maritime Link between Granite Canal, on the island of Newfoundland, and Woodbine, Nova Scotia has been completed.

This is to advise that I have approved the above project in accordance with Section 40 of the *Environment Act*, S.N.S., 1994-95 and subsection 13(1)(b) of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 348/2008, made under the Act. Following a review of the information provided by NSP Maritime Link Inc. and the information provided during the government and public consultation of 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.

This approval may be subject to other approvals required by statute or regulation, including but not limited to, approval under Part V of the Nova Scotia *Environment Act* (Approvals and Certificates section).

If you have any questions regarding the approval of this project, please contact the Acting Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch, Ms. Helen MacPhail at (902) 424-3960 or via email at [macphafh@gov.ns.ca](mailto:macphafh@gov.ns.ca)

Sincerely,

Sterling Belliveau  
Minister of Environment

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