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Office of the Minister

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Robert Ward
President
Ward Aggregates Limited
Wilmot, NS B0P 1W0

Dear Mr. Ward:

Re: Environmental Assessment - Nictaux Pit Development Project

The environmental assessment of the proposed Nictaux Pit Development Project, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia, has been completed.

This is to advise that I have approved the above project in accordance with Section 13(1)(b) of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*, pursuant to Part IV of the *Environment Act*. I am satisfied following a review of the information provided by Ward Aggregates Ltd., and through the government and public consultation as part of the environmental assessment, that any adverse effects or significant environmental effects of the undertaking can be adequately mitigated through compliance with the attached terms and conditions.

This letter, in conjunction with the attached terms and conditions, constitutes my approval. This approval is subject to any 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. Julie Towers via email towersjk@gov.ns.ca.

Sincerely yours,

Original signed by

Kerry Morash
Minister

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