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*Original dated September 6, 2012*

Mr. George Oickle  
Manager, Engineering Department  
GEM Health Care Group  
1046 Barrington Street,  
Halifax, NS B3H 2R1

Dear Mr. Oickle:

**Re: Environmental Assessment - Expansion of Retirement Care Facility,  
Middleton, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia**

The environmental assessment of the proposed Expansion of the Retirement Care Facility, Middleton, Annapolis County, 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 GEM Health Care Group 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 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. Helen MacPhail at (902) 424-3960 or via email at [macphafh@gov.ns.ca](mailto:macphafh@gov.ns.ca)

Sincerely,

***Original Signed By***

Sterling Belliveau  
Minister

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