

NOTICE

Registration of Undertaking for Environmental Assessment ENVIRONMENT ACT

This is to advise that on May 24, 2023, NOVA CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD. registered the SEABROOK QUARRY EXPANSION PROJECT, DIGBY COUNTY (“the Project”) for environmental assessment, in accordance with Part IV of the Environment Act.

The purpose of the proposed undertaking is to expand the size of the existing quarry footprint (Industrial Approval 2021-2794715-00) from 3.99 hectare (ha) to approximately 35 ha, enabling the quarry to continue operating seasonally at current average production rates of 150,000 to 200,000 tonnes of aggregate per year. Project activities will be consistent over the phased lifespan of the expansion, including vegetation and overburden removal, blasting/processing of extracted rock and stockpiling of finished aggregate for eventual transport to road and construction projects in the region. The extractable aggregate reserves in the proposed expansion area will extend the life of the quarry by an estimated 40 years at the current average annual rate of production. No other changes including frequency of blasting, processing operations, trucking, facilities or infrastructure are proposed beyond the progressive expansion of the quarry footprint to the north and west. Following completion of operations, the quarry will be reclaimed within a 3-year period and returned to a condition that is consistent with the natural surroundings and the desired final land use. Expansion activities are anticipated to commence as early as September 2023. The Project is located on PIDs 30192926 and 30192942 on Highway 217 in Seabrook, Digby County.

Copies of the environmental assessment registration information may be examined at the following locations:

- Digby Town Hall, 147 First Avenue, Digby
- Municipality of the District of Digby Office, 12548 NS-217, Digby
- Department of Environment and Climate Change Regional Office for Digby, Yarmouth, and Shelburne Counties, 55 Starrs Road, Unit 9, Yarmouth
- EA website (when available): <https://www.novascotia.ca/nsc/ea/>

The public is invited to submit written comments to:

Environmental Assessment Branch
Nova Scotia Environment & Climate Change
P.O. Box 442, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2P8

on or before June 23, 2023, or contact the Department at (902) 424-3600, (902) 424-6925 (Fax), or e-mail at EA@novascotia.ca.

All comments received from the public consultation will be posted on the department’s website for public viewing. In the case of an individual, the address, email and contact information will be removed before being placed on the website. By submitting your comments, you are consenting to the posting of your comments on the department’s website.

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