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4.0 PREPARATION OF THE EIS

4.1 Approach

Bilcon of Nova Scotia Corporation's approach to the preparation of the EIS is set out in Section 6.05.

4.2 Format

Bilcon of Nova Scotia Corporation considered with great care the suggestions set out in the EIS Guidelines for the Review of the Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal dated March 2005, and in general has attempted to follow the format suggested. However, Bilcon of Nova Scotia Corporation felt that a consideration of existing conditions, research, analyses, mitigation, potential impacts and monitoring would be much clearer if all these elements were set out in the same order in the consideration of each VEC.

Accordingly, Sections 9, 10, 12.4 and 12.5 in the Guidelines have been combined in the consideration of each VEC. Tables, however, have been prepared showing each of the VECs with the mitigation and monitoring set out in tabular format thus drawing all mitigation and monitoring together as suggested in the Guidelines.

Maps have been included in the sections where they are most helpful. However, because some of the maps are referenced in multiple sections, a volume of maps at a larger size has been prepared to make map referencing easier.

The individual issues set out in the Guidelines have been cross referenced to indicate where each issue is dealt with in the EIS. This cross reference is bound in a separate volume. A Concordance Table which sets out each of the issues raised by the public or regulatory authorities throughout the process and where they have been dealt with in the EIS is found in Chapter 5.

Appendices are bound in four volumes and are clearly labeled and tabbed. References in the text of the EIS are clearly numbered, i.e. Reference 37. These can be found in the bibliography which is in EIS Volume VII.

Reference documents are bound in six volumes, arranged in groupings of issues and all references noted in the text of the EIS are clearly tabbed, i.e. Ref. Vol II tab 10.

The Executive Summary, as requested in the guidelines, has been bound separately as EIS Volume I - Plain Language Summary. The condensed Executive Summary is found in EIS Volume IV