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Donald Chisholm, President Nova Construction Co. Ltd. 3098 Post Road Antigonish, Nova Scotia B2G 2L7

Dear Donald Chisholm:

RE: Environmental Assessment – Nova Construction Co. Ltd.

Sporting Mountain Quarry Expansion Project, Richmond County, Nova Scotia

The environmental assessment of the proposed Sporting Mountain Quarry Expansion Project in Richmond County, Nova Scotia has been completed.

This is to advise that I have approved the above project in accordance with Section 40 of the Nova Scotia *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 Nova Construction Co. Ltd. (Nova), and the information provided by the government, the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia, and the public during consultation on 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, including conditions related to Mi'kmaq Engagement. Please note that prior to any activity in the quarry expansion area, Nova is required to submit an application for amendment of the current Industrial Approval (2016-096419), which includes addressing a number of conditions identified in 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 *Environment Act* (Approvals and Certificates section).

If you have any questions regarding the approval of this project, please contact Helen MacPhail, Supervisor, Environmental Assessment Branch, at (902) 483-2696 or via email at Helen.MacPhail@novascotia.ca.

Sincerely,

Honourable Timothy Halman, MLA

Minister of Environment and Climate Change

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c: Helen MacPhail, Environment and Climate Change