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Office of the Minister

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Bill Ross
Owner/President
Aberdeen Paving Limited
Hammonds Plains Road
Halifax NS B4B 1B1

Dear Mr. Ross:

**Re: Environmental Assessment - Hardscratch Quarry Extension Project
Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia**

The environmental assessment of the proposed Hardscratch Quarry Extension Project, Yarmouth 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 Aberdeen Paving Limited 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 Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch, Mr. Peter Geddes at (902) 424-6250 or via email at geddespi@gov.ns.ca

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Sterling Belliveau
Minister of Environment

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