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Frank Anderson, Chief Executive Officer
South West Shore Development Authority
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Dear Mr. Anderson:

Re: Environmental Assessment - Back Lake Bog Cranberry Operation

The environmental assessment of the proposed Back Lake Bog Cranberry Operation near Upper Ohio, Shelburne County, Nova Scotia has been completed.

This letter is to advise that, pursuant to Section 13 (1)(a) of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*, I have determined the registration information is insufficient to allow me to make a decision and that I require additional information.

Further information is required on inventories of botanical and zoological species-at-risk for the proposed project site. Information on botanical and zoological species-at-risk should reflect both National (COSEWIC) and Provincial conservation concerns (NS *Endangered Species Act* and General Status of Wild Species). The Proponent is encouraged to contact the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division to discuss information requirements. The information must be sufficient to predict impacts for botanical and zoological species-at-risk and to identify options and strategies to maximize impact avoidance, and where such impacts cannot be avoided, to identify appropriate mitigation and/or compensation.

This information shall be submitted by the South West Shore Development Authority, at their convenience, as an addendum to the original registration information. Upon submission of this information, I will have up to 25 days to make a decision pursuant to Section 13(1) of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*. The South West Shore Development Authority is also required to notify the public of the submitted addendum pursuant to Section 10 of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*.

The South West Shore Development Authority shall not commence the undertaking or any part thereof until the undertaking has been approved under Part IV of the *Environment Act*.

If you have any questions regarding the approval of this project, please contact the Manager, Environmental Review, Mr. Chris Daly at (902) 424-4936.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

David Morse
Minister