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Office of the Minister

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Robert Ward
President
Ward Aggregates Limited
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Dear Mr. Ward:

Re: Environmental Assessment - Nictaux Pit and Quarry Development

The environmental assessment of the proposed Nictaux Pit and Quarry Development, 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.

The Proponent shall undertake additional field surveys, based on protocols approved by the Wildlife Division, Department of Natural Resources, to establish the distribution and abundance of rare plant species, and propose appropriate avoidance and mitigation measures.

The Proponent shall provide a map and a written description of how the southern end of the property will be accessed. In the registration document you indicate no new roads will be constructed, but it is not clear how the southern end of the property will be accessed, including the need to construct new or modify existing roads. The Proponent shall also submit an assessment of the environmental impacts of any such access additions or modifications.

This information shall be submitted by Ward Aggregates Ltd., at your convenience, as an addendum to the original registration information. Pursuant to Section 13(1) of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations* decision options available to me are: additional information is required; approval with conditions; focus report is required; environmental assessment report required; or, rejection. Upon submission of the information I will have 25 days to make my decision.

Ward Aggregates Ltd. shall not commence the undertaking or any part thereof until the undertaking has been approved under Part IV of the *Environment Act*.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kerry Morash
Minister