

May 21, 2020

Reg. #2073

Mr. Shannon Lewis, Project Coordinator
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Dear Mr. Lewis:

Re: South Brook Quarry

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental environmental assessment screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by Part X of the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act*, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Please be advised that this undertaking is **released** from further environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- You are required to uphold all commitments made in your environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the project on the environment.
- Due to the long timeframe for this quarry, and the potential for drainage into South Brook, Shoreline Aggregates Inc. shall enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment for the installation of a real time water monitoring station to monitor impacts on flow and water quality on South Brook from the quarry site. The Memorandum of Agreement should be signed and the station installed prior to the start of site operation activities. All costs will be borne by Shoreline Aggregates Inc.
- The registered site is located approximately one kilometre from the Anaconda mine site which currently has three dams associated with its tailings management area. Blasting from the quarry site may impact the geotechnical stability of these dams. You are required to submit a report on the geotechnical impacts of quarry operations (e.g., seismic loading, ground acceleration or movement due to blasting) on these

dams. The report will be reviewed by the Water Resources Management Division, shared with Anaconda Mining Inc., and submitted for my approval prior to construction.

- The Department of Fisheries and Land Resources requires a minimum 30-metre undisturbed buffer along all waterbodies and wetlands that appear on a 1:50,000 topo map to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat. For further information, contact Jonathan Sheppard at (709) 729-1140.
- No vegetation clearing is to occur within 800 metres of a bald eagle or osprey nest during the nesting season (March 15 to July 31) and 200 metres during the remainder of the year. The 200-metre buffer also applies to all other raptor nests (e.g. Northern Goshawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Merlin, American Kestrel, Great-horned Owl, Boreal Owl, and Northern Saw-whet Owl). The location of any raptor nest site must be reported to the Wildlife Division of the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources. For further information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (709) 637-2025.
- You are required to advise the Environmental Assessment Division when the conditions of release have been met, by emailing a written description, documents, and images (where applicable) to demonstrate that the conditions have been fulfilled to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.
- You are required to update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of your project, including a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for your project, one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates, if requested. Please email your project updates to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

The Water Resources Management Division of this department advises that you are required to submit a Water Resources Management Plan and obtain several permits under the *Water Resources Act*. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-1646.

The Local Governance and Land Use Planning Division of this department advises that you are required to obtain a development permit from the Town of Baie Verte. For further information, please contact the Town of Baie Verte at (709) 532-8222.

The Department of Natural Resources Advises that a quarry lease is required which includes requirements for buffers and pollution control. For further information, please contact the Department of Natural Resources at (709) 729-0152.

The Department of Fisheries and Land Resources requires that you contact them to obtain permits related to timber harvesting. For further information, please contact the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources at (709) 729-1140.

The Government Service Centre of the Department of Service NL requires that you contact them to discuss and obtain several permits. For further information, please contact the Government Service Centre at (709) 256-1426.

Environment and Climate Change Canada recommends that in order to avoid nest destruction and to accommodate the breeding season of migratory songbirds and waterfowl, operations should consider nesting locations between April 15th and August 15th in this region. They also provided some advice regarding blasting operations. For further information, please contact Environment and Climate Change Canada at (709) 772-2126.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada advises that you are required to self-assess using the DFO “Projects Near Water” website located at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>. For further information, please contact the Fisheries Protection Program at (709) 772-4140.

Although the undertaking as proposed is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals and legislative requirements. Please note that you must comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and approvals. You are required to inform this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.

Please note that in accordance with Section 17 of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*, the Minister’s decision is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter. If you have not commenced your project within this three-year period, you may apply to extend the three-year period for a maximum of three one-year periods, if needed. For further information please email EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director (A), Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Bragg".

DERRICK BRAGG, MHA

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment
District of Fogo Island-Cape Freels

Enclosures

cc: Hon. Brian Warr, MHA
Baie Verte – Green Bay