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File # 2.2122.0045
Reg. 1793

Mr. Robert Bemister
1001 Luce Street
Labrador City NL A2V 2K7

Dear Mr. Bemister:

Re: Walsh River Bridge Area Quarry Expansion

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by 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 condition:

- A minimum 30-metre naturally-vegetated buffer must be maintained along all waterbodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat.

The Department of Environment and Conservation supports Environment Canada's recommendation that in order to avoid nest destruction and to accommodate the breeding season of migratory songbirds, as well as waterfowl in wetland areas, operations relative to vegetation clearing should not occur between April 25th and August 15th in this region, however some species protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act (MCBA)* do nest outside of this time period. Please note that it is the responsibility of the proponent to ensure that project activities are in compliance with the *MCBA* and associated regulations.

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. You may also refer to the BizPaL website at www.bizpal.ca. BizPaL is an online tool that generates a list of permits, licences and authorizations that may be required when starting or expanding a business. You are also encouraged to contact Canada Business Newfoundland and Labrador (CBNL) for any additional information you may need in dealing with various levels of government. CBNL serves as a first point of access to federal and provincial government services, programs and regulatory requirements for business. CBNL can be reached by telephone at 1-888-576-4444 or online at www.canadabusiness.gc.ca.

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.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Mr. Bas Cleary, Director, Environmental Assessment Division at 729-0673.

Sincerely,



PERRY TRIMPER, MHA
District of Lake Melville
Minister

Attachment