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The Highland Companies
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Shelburne, Ontario L0N 1S0

Attention: John Lowndes

Dear Mr. Lowndes,

Re: Highland Companies site alteration and related activities.
Our File L1003

We represent the North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Task Force (NDACT) on the application of Highland Companies to build a quarry located on part of Lots 18 to 23, Concession 1 OS; part of Lots 18 and 19, Concession 2 OS; part of Lots 17 to 21, Concession 3 OS; part of the Original Road Allowance between Lots 20 and 21, Concession 3 OS; and part of Lots 16 to 19, Concession 4 OS, in the Township of Melancthon, County of Dufferin (designated properties).

As you know as of September 1, 2011 your operations on these properties were designated as a major commercial or business enterprise activity and as an undertaking subject to s.5 of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*.¹

As of the date of designation under the Act you have been subject to a prohibition on proceeding with the undertaking under subsection 5(3) as follows:

5.(3) No person shall proceed with an undertaking unless the Minister gives his or her approval to proceed under section 9 or the Tribunal gives its approval under section 9.1.

You applied to build a quarry on the designated properties and have consistently reiterated your intention to use the site to establish and operate a quarry after September 2011. Despite this, our client advises us that you have undertaken site alteration activities on the designated properties and adjacent lands since September 2011. Your site alterations are activities proceeding with the undertaking and are prohibited under the Act.

Our client is very concerned about the potential environmental impact of your ongoing site alterations including the destruction of approximately 30 heritage buildings, the destruction of bird habitat and other activities which may have a significant adverse effect.

¹ *Environmental Assessment Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.18.

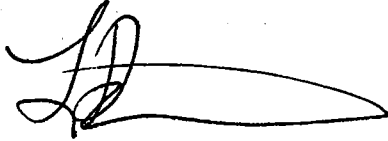
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Please be on notice that we require you to cease all further site alterations on the designated properties and adjacent lands and that we may request and/or pursue enforcement action against you for any such alterations.

Please respond to this letter by 4:00 P.M. on March 12, 2012, with your commitment to cease further activities that are associated with your proposed undertaking, including all site alterations, unless and until the environmental assessment is approved. Please advise us of your plans to commence the terms of reference process in your correspondence.

Yours truly,
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