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Dear Mr. Holmes:

The Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) received an application for an environmental assessment certificate for the proposed BURNCO Aggregate Project (Application) from BURNCO Rock Products Ltd. (BURNCO) on May 9, 2016.

Application Evaluation Decision

The Section 11 Order issued on June 1, 2010 states that the Project Assessment Manager, with advice from the Working Group as requested, will evaluate whether the Application contains the information required in the Application Information Requirements (AIR).

In accordance with the Section 11 Order and subsequent Section 13 Orders issued on December 15, 2013 and April 13, 2015, EAO has evaluated the Application and considered the feedback received from Working Group members, including First Nations. In consideration of Working Group comments and EAO's review, a number of issues which require clarification or additional information in order to meet the requirements of the AIR have been identified.

EAO has concluded that the Application adequately reflects the requirements in the AIR and has decided to formally accept the Application for detailed review, once the Application has been resubmitted to the EAO with minor revisions, in accordance with feedback received during the screening evaluation period.

Please note that a screening evaluation is a scan of the Application, not an in-depth

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review to determine whether or not issues have been resolved to EAO's satisfaction.

Distribution of the Application for Review

BURNCO is responsible for supplying and distributing all necessary copies of the Application for review purposes. EAO has provided BURNCO with the list of Working Group members who should receive copies of the Application and their preferred format. BURNCO must provide EAO with evidence confirming that copies of the Application have been distributed to and received by these members.

I will initiate the 180-day Application Review once we have received and approved the revised Application and BURNCO has verified that copies of the Application have been distributed to all the members of the Working Group. Based on discussions with BURNCO, I expect that the review will commence the week of August 5, 2016. EAO will then make the Application available on our website for viewing by the public.

EAO is undertaking a coordinated environmental assessment with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) and will therefore endeavour to coordinate on procedural matters and timing to the extent possible. For distribution of the Application to federal members of the Working Group, please refer to the distribution list provided to you by CEAA.

Initial Supplemental Information Requests

As indicated above, EAO has determined that the Application meets the requirements of the AIR and will be accepted for review. Through the course of the screening evaluation process, EAO became aware of additional information that will be required to inform the assessment of Application. Many of the comments received are requests for clarification or further information, which are appropriate for Application Review discussion. Please consider these comments as initial information requests and issues to be carried over to the Application Review phase and track and respond to them accordingly. It is anticipated that additional discussions will be required during Application Review to resolve certain issues and clarify requests that result from the Working Group.

As per the Section 11 Order, BURNCO will be required to respond to issues identified in comments submitted to EAO and CEAA by government agencies, First Nations and the public. Where requested by the Executive Project Director, BURNCO may be required to supplement the information provided in the Application.

Public Notice

As per the Section 13 Order of April 13, 2015, EAO requires at least a 45-day public comment period on the Application early in the formal Application Review phase. BURNCO is required to confirm an advertising plan for the public comment period to the

satisfaction of EAO and in accordance with the *Public Consultation Policy Regulation*. Public notifications via newspaper advertisements must be made at least seven days in advance of the start of the public comment period and any public open house or information session. EAO will set the dates for the public comment period shortly.

Upon completion of the public comment period, EAO will require that BURNCO respond to issues raised by the public that are relevant to the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the proposed BURNCO Aggregate Project. Where requested by the Executive Project Director, BURNCO may be required to supplement the information provided in the Application as a result of public comments.

EAO Evaluation of First Nation Consultation Activities

The Section 11 Order and subsequent Section 13 Orders specify that the Application must include a summary of consultations that BURNCO has already carried out with First Nations in relation to the proposed BURNCO Aggregate Project, the issues raised by First Nations, how these issues were resolved and a proposal for resolution of outstanding issues.

EAO has reviewed Part A - Section 3.2 (Aboriginal Information Distribution and Consultation) and Part C (Aboriginal Information Requirements) of the Application which includes a summary of First Nation consultations to date and those proposed for the Application Review period. EAO has concluded that BURNCO has met the consultation requirements of the Section 11 and 13 Orders and is satisfied with the measures proposed by BURNCO for the Application Review period, provided that the implementation of these measures continues to be consistent with the First Nations consultation plan referred to in the Section 11 Order.

Please note that EAO will continue to engage with First Nations during the Application Review phase in order to obtain additional comments and may instruct BURNCO to undertake further measures to ensure adequate consultation takes place.

EAO Evaluation of Public Consultation Activities

EAO has reviewed the January 2016 Public Consultation and Communications Plan and Part A – Section 3.3 (Public and Agency Information Distribution and Consultation) of the Application which includes a summary of public consultations to date and those proposed for the Application Review period. EAO has concluded that BURNCO has met the consultation requirements of the Section 11 and 13 Orders and EAO is satisfied with the measures proposed by BURNCO for the Application Review period, provided that the implementation of these measures continues to be consistent with the public consultation plan referred to in the Section 11 Order.

If you have any questions or require other information, please contact me by telephone at 250-387-2402, or by email at monica.perry@gov.bc.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Monica Perry', with a stylized, cursive script.

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