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Dear Heather Fast:

I am writing in response to your letter appealing the decision of the Director of Environmental Approvals to approve Canadian Premium Sand Inc.'s proposed alteration to the Wanipigow Sand Extraction Project (Environment Act Licence No. 3285 R).

After careful consideration, I have decided to dismiss your appeal in accordance with section 27(2)(d) of The Environment Act. I would like to provide you with some additional information to respond to the matters that you raised in your appeal of this decision.

The decision to approve the alteration as a minor alteration was completed in accordance with The Environment Act and was based on an assessment of the potential environmental effects of the proposed change. The proposed changes to the development as licensed were determined to be insignificant and could be mitigated by conditions in a revised licence. The Environment Act does not require public or Technical Advisory Committee participation as part of this process for minor alterations.

The Environment Act environmental assessment and licensing process is separate from the Crown's duty to consult. An initial assessment was completed prior to the decision on the proposed alteration being made. The conclusion of the Initial Assessment was that the proposed alteration does not have an impact on the exercise of Aboriginal or Treaty Rights and does not trigger Section 35 consultation.

Information regarding the site's water management ponds was provided in the notice of alteration and the licence includes requirements for containment. The licence also contains clauses that require the proposed environmental management plans to be submitted to the director for approval prior to construction and operation, and that those plans are to be implemented in accordance with the approval.

I am confident that the terms and conditions included in Canadian Premium Sand Inc.'s Environment Act Licence will ensure that any potentially negative impact to the public and the environment will be appropriately avoided, mitigated, or managed.

Thank you for taking the time to inform me of your concerns.

Sincerely,

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Honourable Tracy Schmidt
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Dear Heather Fast:

I am writing in response to your letter appealing the decision of the Director of Environmental Approvals to issue Environment Act Licence No. 3401 to Canadian Premium Sand Inc. to construct and operate a solar glass manufacturing facility.

After careful consideration, I have decided to dismiss your appeal in accordance with Section 27(2)(d) of The Environment Act. This decision has been approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council as required by Section 27(3) of the Act.

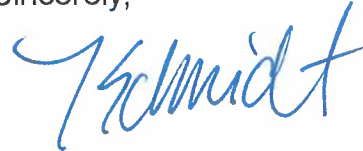
I am confident that the terms and conditions included in Canadian Premium Sand Inc.'s Environment Act Licence will ensure that any potentially negative impact to public health and the environment will be appropriately avoided, mitigated, or managed.

I would like to provide you with some additional information to respond to the matters that you raise in your appeal of this decision. The proponent provided additional information during the environmental assessment and review process to address concerns related to air emissions, wastewater, and potential impacts to traffic and infrastructure. The licence also contains clauses that address issues related to air emissions and wastewater discharge.

Any comments related to Canadian Premium Sand Inc.'s sand extraction project were considered out of scope for the licensing decision for Canadian Premium Sand Inc.'s solar glass manufacturing facility. While the projects may be related, their environmental effects are different, and are therefore, licensed separately.

Thank you for taking the time to bring this matter to my attention.

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