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Ministry of Natural Resources

ATTENTION: Mr. George Ross
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Dear Mr. Ross:

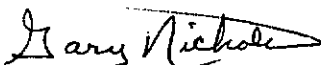
In clarification to your letter dated October 2, 2003 on behalf of former M.N.R. minister Hon. Jerry Ouellette in reply to my letter of June 12, 2003, I accept this letter with a one paragraph response to my 4 page letter, **not** as an acceptable response, but as another M.N.R. ass covering exercise.

There was in fact **no** response to the valid points identified in our letter of June 12, and only when M.N.R. became aware October 1st, 2003 that our company had filed claims with the Courts for the delay of 1 year and 8 months to issuance of the licence **after** the O.M.B. direction of Decision/Order 1194, as well as for the negligent misrepresentation and bad faith dealings of your ministry, it was only **after** the fact that we received **any** acknowledgement or response from your Ministry in your letter dated October 2, 2003.

It is now time for common sense and logic to prevail, in order to resolve this mentally deficient mess, or it will be up to the courts to decide if your ministry and staff have the authority to disregard the O.M.B. Decision/Order and make up your own rules and regulations and then attempt to enforce these conditions under Aggregate Act legislation.

We could ask what happened to our entitlement to fair business dealings without discrimination from provincial government ministries? Do we have equality before the law? Do we have Democracy and Free Enterprise, or Government Administrative Dictatorship.

In review of what has transpired in respect to our application for the M.N.R. Quarry licence at Hagersville, Ontario, we can confirm that the public planning process is **not** working, and that this has in fact been a most pathetic and arrogant performance by both the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of the Environment.



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