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WITNESS STATEMENT FOR JOE STRACHAN

I am an inspector for the Ministry of Natural Resources, Aggregates Division. Attached to this statement is a copy of my resume.

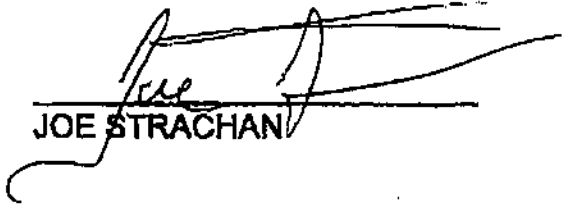
In my role as an inspector with the Ministry, I have come to know the applicant company, Nichols Gravel and the principal behind the company, Gary Nichols.

I have known him and his business operations for over 25 years.

In those 25 years, I have come to know Mr. Nichols as a responsible operator.

In my experience, his business operations always comply with the conditions set by this Ministry and Mr. Nichols is reasonable and responsible in his dealings with my office.

Date: September 12th, 2000


JOE STRACHAN