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RE: Commitment to Interim Protection of 12 archaeological sites within the limits of an Aggregate Resource Act licence, Law Crushed Stone Quarry Extension, Parts of Lots 6-7, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Wainfleet, Welland County, Township of Wainfleet, Regional Municipality of Niagara, Ontario.

Please accept this letter to request partial clearance on the following archaeological sites: AfGt-255, AfGt-266, AfGt-272, AfGt-276, AfGt-277, AfGt-19, AfGt-270, AfGt-278, AfGt-282, AfGt-283, AfGt-323 and AfGt-324. As these sites cannot be long-term protected, they will be subjected to Stage 3 and/or Stage 4 archaeological investigations. However, the intent is to interim protect these sites until extraction activities approach their vicinities. The interim avoidance and protection measures are comprised of the following:

- a) The protected areas of these archaeological sites, including the associated 20 metre protection buffers, are shown on the Aggregate Resource Act site plan accompanying the licence application. These protected site areas correspond to those as shown on Figures 8 and 9 in the Supplementary Documentation to this report;
- b) A condition is included on the Aggregate Resources Act site plan stating that archaeological sites AfGt-255, AfGt-266, AfGt-272, AfGt-276, AfGt-277, AfGt-19, AfGt-270, AfGt-278, AfGt-282, AfGt-283, AfGt-323 and AfGt-324 are present as shown on the Aggregate Resources Act site plan; that no extraction, alterations or soil disturbance may be carried out within the limits of the protected area of the archaeological sites; that post and wire fencing will be erected along the limits of the 20-metre protection buffers under the direction of the licensed consultant archaeologist; and that archaeological monitoring is required within the further 50-metre construction monitoring buffers should extraction approach their vicinities.

We confirm that we are aware of the presence of the archaeological sites within the limits of the Aggregate Resource Act licence and of the restrictions on alteration of any archaeological site of further cultural heritage value or interest as per the condition on the Aggregate Resource Act licence and as per Section 48 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Thank you,

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