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Attention: Mr. Lou Freymond

Subject: Freymond Quarry Blast Impact Analysis Response to Valcoustics Peer Review

Dear Mr. Freymond,

In response to the peer review performed by Valcoustics Canada Ltd. (Valcoustics) on the Freymond Quarry application Blast Impact Analysis prepared by Explotech Engineering Ltd. (Explotech), we present the following clarifications.

The Valcoustics report identifies that there is no discussion in the report on the maximum explosive charge per delay to comply with the MOECC guideline limits at separation distances less than 250m. Valcoustics recommends that a discussion should be included regarding feasible methods to reduce the blasting impacts as extraction progresses toward the northwest boundaries of the site. The report now includes the following discussion at the end of the section *'Overpressure Levels at the Nearest Sensitive Receptor'*:

As blasting progresses towards the northwest boundary of site, blasting will come within 100m of a sensitive receptor, namely 342 Gaebel Road. Methods can be used to decrease the blast vibration and overpressure as the blasting retreats towards this receptor. These methods include, but are not limited to, the following: decreased hole diameter, reduced spacing, decking, changes in explosive products and types, adjustments in bench height and reduction in blast size. As site specific blast vibration and overpressure data becomes available, it will be possible to refine these parameters as the blasting approaches any sensitive receptor to ensure consistent compliance with MECP vibration and overpressure limits.

EXPLOTECH

With regards to water overpressure, blasting will not encroach closer than 30m from a fish habitat and as such, compliance with the DFO guideline for overpressure will be readily achieved. Explosive loads for guidance to maintain vibrations below 13mm/s at the location of the closest possible spawning bed as per DFO guidelines during active spawning seasons can be found in Table 1 of the Blast Impact Analysis dated September 25, 2018.

The Valocustics peer review also stated that the information specified in the *'Guidelines of Information Required for the Assessment of Blasting Noise and Vibration' (MOE, December 1985)* should be included in the body of all blast reports. To address this comment and allow for the ability to accommodate changes in government reporting requirements over the life of the quarry, the following point will be added to the recommendations of the Blast Impact Analysis:

All blast reports shall document details in accordance with industry best practices and MECP regulation and guideline requirements in effect at the time of blasting.

The references at the end of the report have been updated to include the sources cited in the section titled *'Residential Water Wells'*.

Attached please find a copy of the updated Blast Impact Analysis for the Freymond Quarry, dated September 25, 2018. We trust the foregoing addresses the comments raised in the Valcoustics peer review with regards to the Freymond Quarry. We remain available to expand on the comments made as required.

Best regards,

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Blast Impact Analysis Freymond Quarry Part of Lots 51 & 51, Concession W.H.R. Township of Faraday County of Hastings

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Explotech Engineering Ltd. was retained in February 2014 to provide a Blast Impact Analysis for the proposed Freymond Quarry located on Part Lots 51 & 52, Concession W.H.R., Township of Faraday, County of Hastings.

Vibration levels assessed in this report are based on the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Model Municipal Noise Control By-law (NPC119) with regard to Guidelines for Blasting in Mines and Quarries. We have assessed the area surrounding the proposed Aggregate Resources Act license with regard to potential damage from blasting operations and compliance with the aforementioned by-law document.

We have inspected the property and reviewed the available site plans. Explotech is of the opinion that the planned aggregate extraction on the proposed property can be carried out safely and within MECP guidelines as set out in NPC 119 of the By-Law.

Recommendations are included in this report to ensure that blasting operations in all phases of this project are carried out in a safe and productive manner to ensure that no possibility of damage exists to any buildings, water wells, structures or facilities surrounding the property.



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INTRODUCTION

Freymond Lumber Ltd. (Freymond) are applying for a Class A, Category 2 Licence for the property legally described as Part Lots 51 & 52, Concession W.H.R., Township of Faraday, County of Hastings. This Blast Impact Analysis assesses the ability of the proposed licence to operate within the prescribed blast guideline limits as required by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).

The land surrounding the proposed Freymond Quarry is a mixture of rural, industrial, environmental protection, rural residential, cemetery and commercial land uses. The site is currently zoned Rural and Industrial. The proposed Freymond Quarry operation is bounded by scrub brush and Bay Lake Road to the south, Gaebel Road and scrub brush to the west, properties fronting onto Jeffery Lake Road to the north and properties fronting onto Bay Lake Road and Highway 62 to the east. The property is accessed via a private haulage road off of Bay Lake Road.

This Blast Impact Analysis has been prepared based on the MECP Model Municipal Noise Control By-law with regard to Guidelines for Blasting in Mines and Quarries (NPC 119). We have additionally assessed the area surrounding the proposed license with regard to potential damage from blasting operations.

Given that blasting operations have not been undertaken in the past on this property, site-specific blast monitoring data is not available. We have therefore applied data generated at a variety of quarries across Ontario which present comprehensive material characteristics. It has been our experience that this data represents a conservative starting point for blasting operations. It is a recommendation of this report that a vibration monitoring program be initiated onsite upon the commencement of blasting operations and maintained for the duration of all blasting activities to permit timely adjustment to blast parameters as required. We note that blast monitoring is a prescribed condition to any licence issued for the proposed quarry under the Aggregate Resources Act.

Recommendations are included in this report to ensure that the blasting operations are carried out in a safe and productive manner and to ensure that no possibility of damage exists to any buildings, water wells, structures or residences surrounding the property.



As part of the preparation of this report, the following additional information was taken into consideration:

- Comments received at the June 25th Public Open House;
- Comments received by the County on July 1, 2015 from Steve Gaebel;
- Letter received by the County on July 14, 2015 from Tara McMurtry, Adrianne Schutt and Daisy McCabe-Lokos;
- Email received by the County on September 16, 2015 from Sheila and Mike Schneider.
- Email received by MHBC on October 14, 2015 from the County regarding blasting.
- Valcoustics peer review dated June 26, 2017.



EXISTING CONDITIONS

The licenced area for the proposed Freymond Quarry encompasses a total area of approximately 33.3ha and an extraction area of approximately 27.8ha. The site is broken into four (4) distinct extraction phases (Refer to Appendix A Operational Plan). The Phase 1 extraction area lies in the northeast portion of the proposed licence area and involve bringing the existing landscape down to an average ground level of 333 - 336masl. The Phase 2 area of the licence area involves excavation of the northwest portion of the proposed licence to proposed elevation 337-338masl. The Phase 3 area of the licence area involves excavation of the proposed licence to proposed final elevation 337-340masl. The Phase 4 area of the licence involves excavation of the southeast portion of the proposed licence to proposed final elevation 337-340masl. The Phase 4 area of the licence involves excavation of the southeast portion of the proposed licence to proposed final elevation 337-

The topography of the proposed licence area is generally lowest in the east portion of the site at an elevation in the order of 335masl rising towards the west with the highest elevations (392masl) lying at the interface between Phase 2 and Phase 3. A ridge rises in the middle portion of the site to an elevation of approximately 389m.

The lands surrounding the proposed licence area are largely characterized by undeveloped natural vegetation and forested areas with the closest sensitive receptors lying to the south of the limits of extraction along Bay Lake Road, to the north along Jeffrey Lake Road, to the east along Highway 62 and Bay Lake Road, and to the west along Gaebel Road.

The land immediately to the north is predominantly natural vegetation and forest and an existing Class B gravel pit currently owned by the proponent but excluded from the licence application. Sensitive receptors further north along Jeffrey Lake Road lie in excess of 400m north of the limits of extraction. A cemetery lies northeast of the extraction footprint.

The land immediately to the east is also owned by the proponent, but excluded from the licence application, and currently includes the Freymond Lumber Ltd. operation. Bay Lake Road and Highway 62 lie approximately 200m and 300m respectively east of the site and house several sensitive receptors.

The land immediately to the south is owned by the proponent, but excluded from the licence application, and consists predominantly of natural vegetation and



forest. The closest sensitive receptors to the south front onto Bay Lake Road in excess of 300m removed from the limits of extraction.

The land to the west is privately owned and is predominantly natural vegetation and forest. One sensitive receptor fronting onto Gaebel Road is located 100m northwest of the limit of extraction.



PROPOSED AGGREGATE EXTRACTION

The proposed initial quarry operations will involve extraction in the Phase 1 area with extraction initiated at the northeast base of the existing escarpment and retreating towards the southwest corner of the Phase 1 area. Phase 1 extraction will take place to approximate elevation 333masl – 336masl with the existing topography eliminating the need for a sinking cut. Initial blasting will be located approximately 750m from the closest sensitive receptor behind the blast, namely 342 Gaebel Road, and 250m from the closest sensitive receptor in front of the blast, 2344 Bay Lake Road. Based on existing Phase 1 elevations in the order of 339 – 387masl, this phase of extraction will take place in 1 – 2 benches.

Extraction in Phase 2 will leverage the existing Phase 1 west boundary face. Blasting shall commence at the Phase 1 / Phase 2 interface thereby eliminating the need for a sinking cut. Extraction will retreat in a general west and south direction to a final design floor elevation of 337masl – 338masl. Based on Phase 2 maximum elevations in the order of 392masl, this phase of extraction will take place in 1 - 2 benches.

Extraction in Phase 3 will leverage the existing Phase 2 south boundary face. Blasting shall commence at the Phase 2 / Phase 3 interface thereby eliminating the need for a sinking cut. Extraction will retreat in a general south and east direction to a final design floor elevation of 337masl – 340masl. Based on Phase 3 maximum elevations in the order of 391masl, this phase of extraction will take place in 1 - 2 benches.

Extraction in Phase 4 will leverage the existing Phase 3 east boundary face and the existing Phase 1 south boundary face. Blasting shall commence at the Phase 3 / Phase 4 interface thereby eliminating the need for a sinking cut. Extraction will retreat in a general east direction to a final design floor elevation of 334masl – 336masl. Based on Phase 4 maximum elevations in the order of 387masl, this phase of extraction will take place in 1 - 2 benches.

As previously noted, benching shall be employed as required so as to limit the size of blasts conducted. Quarrying operations on varied phases and benches may be ongoing concurrently throughout the life of the quarry.

As quarry operations migrate across the property, the closest sensitive receptors to the required blasting operations will vary with the governing structures and approximate closest separation distances being as follows:



- northwest corner: 342 Gaebel Road 100m
- southwest corner: 431 Gaebel Road 450m
- south central corner: 2204 Bay Lake Road 250m
- east central corner: 27915 Highway 62 265m
- northeast corner: 2344 Bay Lake Road 250m

As noted above, the closest sensitive receptor to the initial blast is located approximately 750m and 250m (back and front respectively) removed from the blast. Initial blasting will involve a reduced bench height given the retreat from the base of the escarpment up the slope towards the west and south.



BLAST VIBRATION AND OVERPRESSURE LIMITS

The Ontario MECP guidelines for blasting in quarries are among the most stringent in North America.

Studies by the U.S. Bureau of Mines have shown that normal temperature and humidity changes can cause more damage to residences than blast vibrations and overpressure in the range permitted by the MECP. The limits suggested by the MECP are as follows.

Vibration	12.5mm/sec	Peak Particle Velocity (PPV)
Overpressure	128 dB	Peak Sound Pressure Level (PSPL)

The above guidelines apply when blasts are being monitored. It is a recommendation of this report that all blasts at the operation be monitored to quantify and record ground vibration and overpressure levels employing a <u>minimum</u> of two (2) digital seismographs.



BLAST VIBRATION AND OVERPRESSURE DATA

Blast vibration and overpressure data used in this report was collected from an amalgamation of quarries and mines throughout Ontario. All ground vibration data was plotted using square root scaling from blast vibrations (Refer to Appendix C for a sample plot of data).

Overpressure data was plotted employing cube root scaling (Refer to Appendix C for a plot of data). It should again be noted that given the high dependence on local environmental conditions, overpressure prediction is far less reliable as a means of blast control.

Our experience and analysis demonstrates that blast overpressure is greatest when blasting toward residences, and blast vibrations are greatest when retreating towards the residences.



INITIAL BLASTING PARAMETERS

Blast Pattern:	1800mm x 1800mm to 3300mm x 3300mm
Number of holes:	Varies
Hole depth:	5 – 15m
Hole Diameter:	76 to 152mm
Stemming:	Clearstone
Toe Load:	Cast Booster / Cartridge
Column Load:	ANFO / ANFO WR / Emulsion
Maximum Charge per hole:	Varies with cut depth
Total Explosives per blast:	Varies with blast size
Material being blasted:	Precambrian bedrock
Tonnage per blast:	Varies
Number of blasts per year	Anticipated 3 – 5 blasts per year but actual blast requirements will vary with production required

The above parameters provide initial guidance to direct blasting operations. Upon the commencement of blasting on site, these parameters will require revision based on site-specific data obtained and attenuation equations developed required as a recommendation of this report.

While initial operations and in fact the majority of required blasting will be performed at extended distances from the closest sensitive receptors, blasting along the extraction limit perimeters will come within approximately 100m of some residences bordering the property. Data collected on-site during blasting operations will be continually analyzed and designs adjusted accordingly to ensure compliance with applicable guideline limits for ground vibration and overpressure.



BLAST MECHANICS AND DERIVATIVES

The detonation of explosives within a borehole results in the development of very high gas and shock pressures. This energy is transmitted to the surrounding rock mass, crushing the rock immediately surrounding the borehole (approximately 1 borehole radius) and permanently distorts the rock to several borehole diameters (5-25, depending on the rock type, prevalence of joint sets, etc).

The intensity of this stress wave decays quickly so that there is no further permanent deformation of the rock mass. The remaining energy from the detonation travels through the unbroken material in the form of a pressure wave or shock front which, although it causes no plastic deformation of the rock mass, is transmitted in the form of vibrations.

Particle velocity is the descriptor of choice when dealing with vibrations because of its superior correlation with the appearance of cosmetic cracking. As such, for the purposes this report, ground vibration units have been listed in mm/s.

In addition to the ground vibrations, overpressure, or air vibrations are generated through the direct action of the explosive venting through cracks in the rock or through the indirect action of the rock movement. In either case, the result is a pressure wave which travels though the air, measured in decibels (or dB) for the purposes of this report.



VIBRATION AND OVERPRESSURE THEORY

Transmission and decay of vibrations and overpressure can be estimated by the development of attenuation relations. These relations utilize empirical data relating measured velocities at specific separation distances from the vibration source to predict particle velocities at variable distances from the source. While the resultant prediction equations are reliable, divergence of data occurs as a result of a wide variety of variables, most notably site-specific geological conditions and blast geometry and design for ground vibrations and local prevailing climatic conditions for overpressure.

In order to circumvent this scatter and improve confidence in forecast vibration levels, probabilistic and statistical modeling is employed to increase conservatism built into prediction models, usually by the application of 95% confidence lines to attenuation data.

The attenuation relations are not designed to conclusively predict vibrations levels at a specific location as a result of a specific blast design, application of this probabilistic model creates confidence that for any given scaled distance, 95% of the resultant velocities will fall below the calculated 95% regression line.

While the data still provides insight into probable vibration intensities, attenuation relations for overpressure tends to be less reliable and precise than results for ground vibrations. This is due primarily to wider variations in variables outside of the influence of the blast design which impact propagation of the vibrations. Atmospheric factors such as temperature gradients and prevailing winds (refer to Appendix B) as well as local topography can all serve to significantly alter overpressure attenuation characteristics.

Our experience and analysis demonstrates that blast overpressure is greatest when blasting toward receptors, and blast vibrations are greatest when retreating in the direction of the receptor.



PREDICTED VIBRATION LEVELS AT THE NEAREST SENSITIVE RECEPTOR

The most commonly used formula for predicting PPV is known as Bureau of Mines (BOM) prediction formula or Propagation Law. We have used this formula to predict the PPV's at the closest house for the initial operations.

$$PPV = k \left(\frac{d}{\sqrt{w}}\right)^e$$

Where, PPV = the calculated peak particle velocity (mm/s)

K, e = site factors

d = distance from receptor (m)

w = maximum explosive charge per delay (kg)

The value of K is highly variable and is influenced by many factors (i.e. rock type, geology, thickness of overburden, etc.). Based on monitoring performed in Ontario quarries with comprehensive material characteristics, our initial estimates for "e" will be set at -1.76 and "K" will be set at 5175 (refer Appendix C). In the absence of data for the proposed aggregate extraction operation, these are used for initial prediction purposes.

An *example* of this calculation is as follows:

For a distance of 750m (the standoff distance to the closest existing sensitive receptor behind the blast for the initial blasting) and a maximum explosives load per delay of 41kg (88.9mm diameter hole, 7m deep, 1.5 meter surface collar and 1 hole per delay), we can calculate the maximum PPV at the closest building as follows:

$$ppv = 5175 \left(\frac{750}{\sqrt{41}}\right)^{-1.76} = 1.2mm \,/\,s$$

As discussed in previous sections, the MECP guideline for blast-induced vibration is 12.5 mm/s (0.5 in/s). The calculated 95% predicted PPV (based on the proposed blasting data discussed above) would be 1.2mm/s, well below the MECP guideline limit.



OVERPRESSURE LEVELS AT THE NEAREST SENSITIVE RECEPTOR

It is unusual for overpressure to reach damaging levels, and when it does, the evidence is immediate and obvious in the form of broken windows in the area. However, overpressure remains of interest due to its ability to travel further distances as well as cause audible sounds and excitation in windows and walls.

Air overpressure decays in a known manner in a uniform atmosphere, however, a uniform atmosphere is not a normal condition. As such, air overpressure attenuation is far more variable due to its intimate relationship with environmental influences. Air vibrations decay slower than ground vibrations with an average decay rate of 6dBL for every doubling of distance.

Air overpressure levels are analyzed using cube root scaling based on the following equation:

$$PSPL = k \left(\frac{d}{\sqrt[3]{w}}\right)^e$$

Where, PSPL= the peak sound pressure level particle velocity (dBL)

K, e = site factors

d = distance from receptor (m)

w = maximum explosive charge per delay (kg)

Data collected at various Ontario quarries were used to develop the following 95% regression equation (refer to Appendix C). The values for "e" and "K" have been established at -0.0456 and 159 respectively based on the collected empirical data.

$$PSPL = 159 \left(\frac{D}{\sqrt[3]{W}}\right)^{-0.0456}$$



As discussed in previous sections, the MECP guideline for blast-induced overpressure is 128dBL. For a distance of 250 m (i.e. the standoff distance to the closest existing sensitive receptor in front of the blast for the initial blasting) and a maximum explosive weight of 41kg (88.9mm diameter hole, 7m deep, 1.5 meter collar, one hole per delay), we can calculate the PSPL at the nearest receptor in front of the blast to be at or below 130.8dBL. Based on this calculation and the assumed blast parameters, blasting from the initial operations may marginally exceed the MECP NPC 119 guideline limit of 128dBL. The above equation suggests that the explosive load per delay will need to be maintained at or below 10kg in order to remain compliant with guideline limits for overpressure. This can be readily accomplished by reducing bench height or decking holes for blasting along the eastern extraction limit. Once blasting has progressed sufficiently west (ie thereby increasing the separation distance between the blast and the receptor at 2344 Bay Lake Road) or face orientation has been rotated to a southerly retreat, it will be possible to increase the load per delay while still maintaining compliance with guideline overpressure limits.

As blasting progresses towards the northwest boundary of site, blasting will come within 100m of a sensitive receptor, namely 342 Gaebel Road. Methods can be used to decrease the blast vibration and overpressure as the blasting retreats towards this receptor. These methods include, but are not limited to, the following: decreased hole diameter, reduced spacing, decking, changes in explosive products and types, adjustments in bench height and reduction in blast size. As site specific blast vibration and overpressure data becomes available, it will be possible to refine these parameters as the blasting approaches any sensitive receptor to ensure consistent compliance with MECP vibration and overpressure limits.



RESIDENTIAL WATER WELLS

Possible impacts to the water quality and production capacity of groundwater supply wells is a common concern for residents near blasting operations. Complaints related to changes in water quality often include the appearance of turbidity, water discolouration and changes in water characteristics (including nitrate, e-coli, and coliform contamination). Complaints regarding water production most often involve loss of quantity production, air in water and damage to well screens and casings. A review of research and common causes of these problems indicates that most of these concerns are not related to blasting and can be shown to be the direct impact of environmental factors and poor well construction and maintenance.

There is an intuitive belief that blasting operations have dramatic and disastrous impacts on residential water wells for large distances around such operations. Unfortunately, there is no scientific basis for such claims. Outside of the immediate radius of approximately 20-25 blasthole diameters from a loaded hole, there is no permanent ground displacement. As such, barring blasting activity within several meters of an existing well, the probability of damage to residential wells is essentially non-existent.

Despite the scientific support for the above conclusion, numerous studies have been performed to verify the validity of this statement. These studies have investigated the effects of blasting on varied well configurations and in varied geological mediums to ensure results could be readily extrapolated to all blasting operations. The conclusion of these studies has confirmed that with the exception of possible temporary increases in turbidity, blasting operations did not result in any permanent impact on wells outside of the immediate blast zone of the blast until vibrations levels reached exceedingly high intensities. Applying universally accepted threshold levels for ground vibrations eliminates the possibility for any long term adverse effects on wells in the vicinity of blasting operations.

In a study by Froedge (1983), blast vibration levels of up to 32.3mm/s were recorded at the bottom of a shallow well located at a distance of 60 meters (200 feet) from an open pit blast. There was no report of visible damage to the well nor was there any change in the water pumping flow rate. This study concluded that the commonly accepted limit of 50mm/s PPV level is adequate to protect wells from any damage. We reiterate, the current guideline limit for vibrations from quarry and mining operations is 12.5mm/s.



Rose et al. (1991) studied the effect of blasting in close proximity to water wells near an open pit mine in Nevada, USA. Blasts of up to 70 kilograms of explosives per delay period were detonated at a distance of 75 meters (245 feet) from a deep water well. There was no reported visible damage to the well. Fluctuations in water level and flow rate were evident immediately after the blast. However, the well water level and flow rate quickly stabilized.

The U.S. Bureau of Mines conducted a study (Robertson et al., 1990) to determine the changes in well capacity and water quality. This involved pumping from wells before and after nearby blasting. One experiment with a well in sandstone showed no change in well capacity after blasts induced PPV's at the surface of 84mm/s and there was no change in water level after PPV's of 141mm/s, well above the current guideline limit of 12.5mm/s.

Matheson et al. (1997) brought together available information on the most common complaints, the possible causes of the complaints and the relation between blasting and the complaint causes. This study yet again reaffirmed the fact that the attribution of well problems to blast sources are unfounded.

The MECP vibration limit of 12.5mm/s effectively excludes any possibility of damage to residential water wells. Based on available research and our extensive experience in Ontario quarry blasting, blasting at the Freymond Quarry will induce no permanent adverse impacts on the residential water wells on properties surrounding the site.



BLAST IMPACT ON ADJACENT WATERCOURSES

The detonation of explosives in or near water can produce compressive shock waves which initiate damage to the internal organs of fish in close proximity, ultimately resulting in the death of the organism. Additionally, ground vibrations imparted on active spawning beds have the ability to adversely impact the incubating eggs and spawning activity. In an effort to alleviate adverse impacts on fish populations as a result of blasting, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) developed the Guidelines for the Use of Explosives In or Near Canadian Fisheries Waters (1998). This publication establishes limits for water overpressure and ground vibrations which are intended to mitigate impacts on aquatic organisms while providing sufficient flexibility for blasting to proceed. Specifically, water overpressures are to be limited to 100kPa and, in the presence of active spawning beds, ground vibrations at the bed are to be limited to 13mm/s.

The Natural Environment study prepared for the application indicated that there are fish present in the adjacent watercourses on the property or in the study area which includes a minimum separation distance of 75m along the Southeastern boundary of the existing and proposed extension lands. Based on this separation distance, water overpressures generated by the blasting will reside below the DFO 100Kpa guideline limit and will have no impact on the adult fish populations present.

The fish species identified in the adjacent watercourse/open water portions of the wetlands could be utilizing any of the vegetation that proliferates through the system as spawning beds. The spawning time for the identified fish species in the adjacent watercourses has been established from September 1 – June 15. The spawning beds present within a 75m radius surrounding the Southeastern portion of the quarry would be subject to the DFO vibration limit of 13mm/s while active. During spawning season, vibration monitoring will be required at the shoreline adjacent the spawning area, or closer to the blast, in order to ensure compliance with DFO limits for ground vibration.

Table 1 below is presented as an initial guide showing maximum permissible loads per delay based on various separation distances from spawning beds. The following maximum loads per delay are derived from the equation for ground vibrations listed earlier in this report and are based on a maximum vibration intensity of 13.0mm/s as experienced at the spawning bed:



Separation distance between possible spawning bed and closest borehole (meters)	Maximum recommended explosive load per delay (Kilograms)
500	278
450	225
400	178
350	137
300	100
250	70
200	45
150	25
100	12
75	7
50	3
30	1

Table 1: Maximum Loads per Delay to Maintain 13.0mm/sat Various Separation Distances

The generation of suspended solids within the watercourse as a result of the blasting activities will be negligible and grossly subordinate to suspended solids generated as a result of spring runoff and rain activity.



RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the following conditions be applied for all blasting operations at the proposed Freymond Quarry:

- 1. An attenuation study shall be undertaken by an independent blasting consultant during the first 12 months of operation in order to obtain sufficient quarry data for the development of site specific attenuation relations. This study will be used to confirm the applicability of the initial guideline parameters and assist in developing future blast designs.
- 2. All blasts shall be monitored for both ground vibration and overpressure at the closest privately owned sensitive receptors adjacent the site, or closer, with a minimum of two (2) instruments one installed in front of the blast and one installed behind the blast.
- 3. The guideline limits for vibration and overpressure shall adhere to standards as outlined in the Model Municipal Noise Control By-law publication NPC 119 (1978) or any such document, regulation or guideline which supersedes this standard.
- 4. Orientation of the aggregate extraction operation will be designed and maintained so that the direction of the overpressure propagation will be away from structures as much as possible.
- 5. Blast designs shall be continually reviewed with respect to fragmentation, ground vibration and overpressure. Blast designs shall be modified as required to ensure compliance with current applicable guidelines and regulations.
- 6. All blast reports shall document details in accordance with industry best practices and MECP regulation and guideline requirements in effect at the time of blasting.



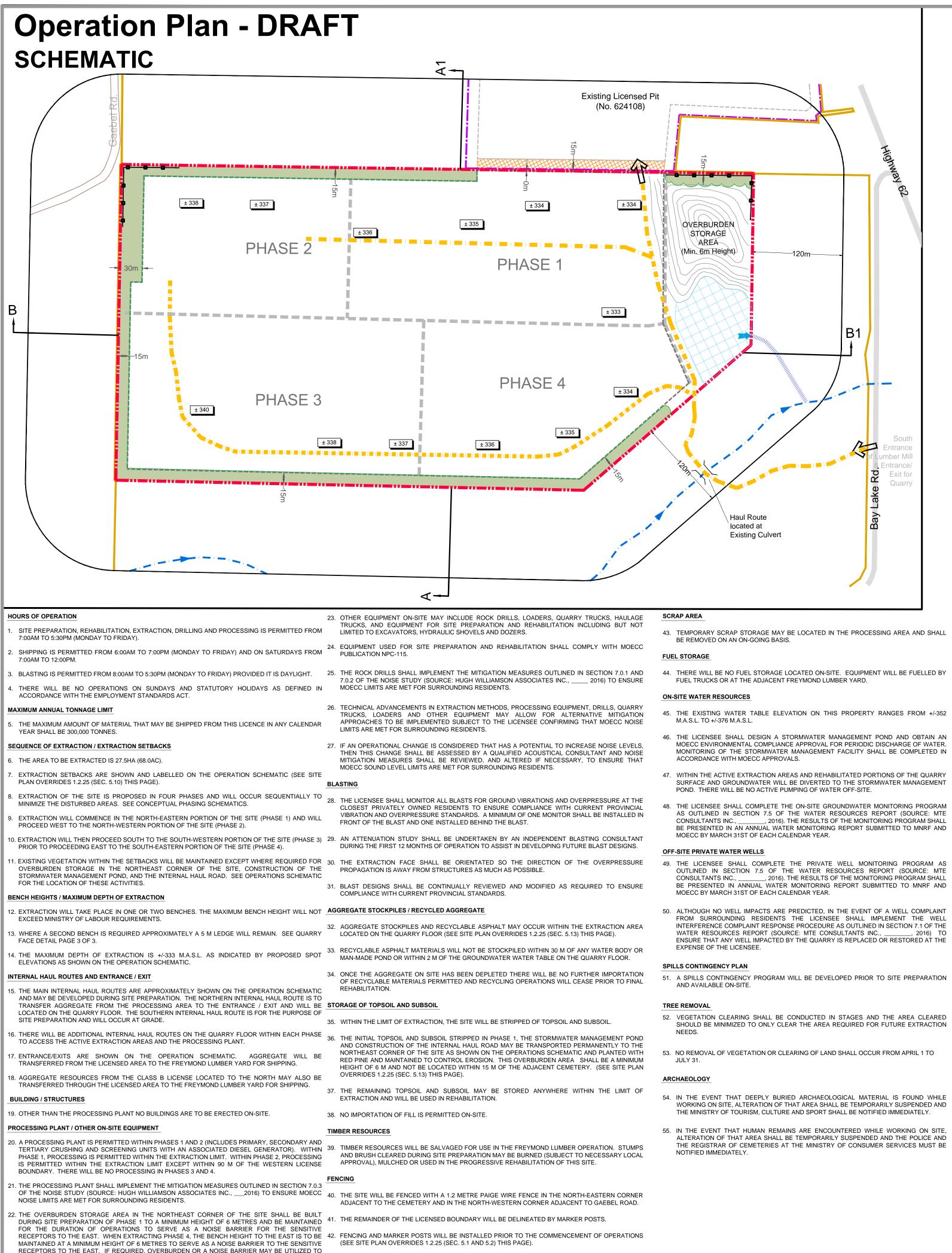
CONCLUSION

The blast parameters described within this report will provide a good basis for the initial blasting operations at this location. As site specific blast vibration and overpressure data becomes available, it will be possible to refine these parameters on an on-going basis.

Blasting operations required for operations at the proposed Freymond Quarry site can be carried out safely and within governing guidelines set by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Modern blasting techniques will permit blasting to take place with explosives charges below allowable charge weights ensuring that blast vibrations and overpressure will remain minimal at the nearest receptors.

Appendix A



ACHIEVE REQUIRED HEIGHTS EXAMPLES OF SUITABLE NOISE BARRIERS ARE OUTLINED IN SECTION

7.0.6 D) OF THE NOISE STUDY (SOURCE: HUGH WILLIAMSON ASSOCIATES INC.. 2016).

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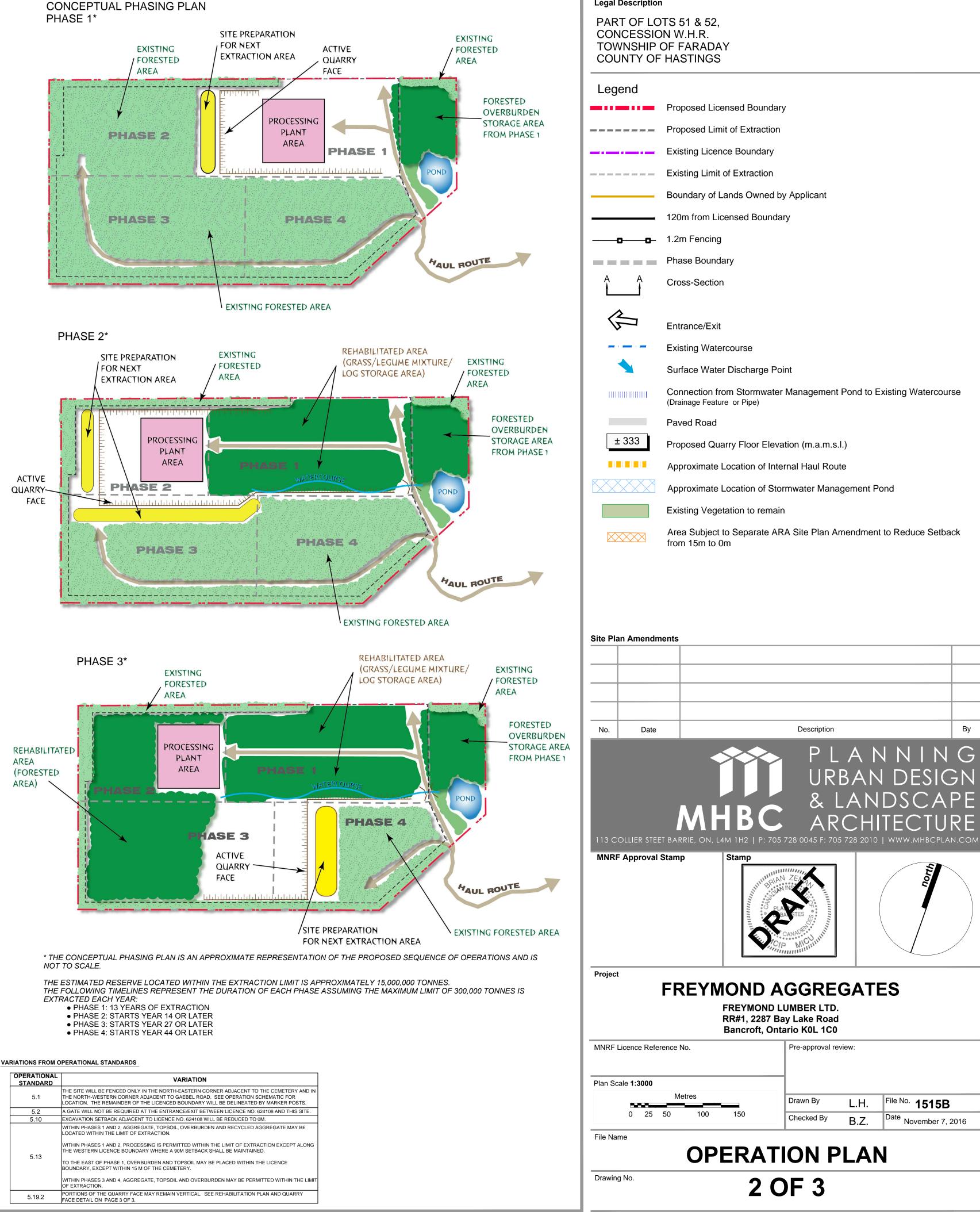
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FROM SURROUNDING RESIDENTS THE LICENSEE SHALL IMPLEMENT THE WELL INTERFERENCE COMPLAINT RESPONSE PROCEDURE AS OUTLINED IN SECTION 7.1 OF THE , 2016) TO ENSURE THAT ANY WELL IMPACTED BY THE QUARRY IS REPLACED OR RESTORED AT THE

SHOULD BE MINIMIZED TO ONLY CLEAR THE AREA REQUIRED FOR FUTURE EXTRACTION

WORKING ON SITE, ALTERATION OF THAT AREA SHALL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED AND

55. IN THE EVENT THAT HUMAN REMAINS ARE ENCOUNTERED WHILE WORKING ON SITE, ALTERATION OF THAT AREA SHALL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED AND THE POLICE AND THE REGISTRAR OF CEMETERIES AT THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER SERVICES MUST BE



OPERATIONAL STANDARD	VARIATION
5.1	THE SITE WILL BE FENCED ONLY IN THE NORTH-EASTERN CORNER ADJACENT TO THE CEMETERY AND IN THE NORTH-WESTERN CORNER ADJACENT TO GAEBEL ROAD. SEE OPERATION SCHEMATIC FOR LOCATION. THE REMAINDER OF THE LICENCED BOUNDARY WILL BE DELINEATED BY MARKER POSTS.
5.2	A GATE WILL NOT BE REQUIRED AT THE ENTRANCE/EXIT BETWEEN LICENCE NO. 624108 AND THIS SITE.
5.10	EXCAVATION SETBACK ADJACENT TO LICENCE NO. 624108 WILL BE REDUCED TO 0M.
5.13	WITHIN PHASES 1 AND 2, AGGREGATE, TOPSOIL, OVERBURDEN AND RECYCLED AGGREGATE MAY BE LOCATED WITHIN THE LIMIT OF EXTRACTION. WITHIN PHASES 1 AND 2, PROCESSING IS PERMITTED WITHIN THE LIMIT OF EXTRACTION EXCEPT ALONG THE WESTERN LICENCE BOUNDARY WHERE A 90M SETBACK SHALL BE MAINTAINED. TO THE EAST OF PHASE 1, OVERBURDEN AND TOPSOIL MAY BE PLACED WITHIN THE LICENCE BOUNDARY, EXCEPT WITHIN 15 M OF THE CEMETERY. WITHIN PHASES 3 AND 4, AGGREGATE, TOPSOIL AND OVERBURDEN MAY BE PERMITTED WITHIN THE LIMIT OF EXTRACTION.
5.19.2	PORTIONS OF THE QUARRY FACE MAY REMAIN VERTICAL. SEE REHABILITATION PLAN AND QUARRY FACE DETAIL ON PAGE 3 OF 3.

Legal Description

169 Jeffrey Lake Road

2344 Bay Lake Road

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27915 Highway 62

342 Gaeble Road

431 Gaebel Road

2258 Bay Lake Road

Hastings Heritage Trail

Google Earth

2204 Bay Lake Road

2001 Bay Lake Road

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Appendix B

Freymond Quarry

PREVAILING METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS

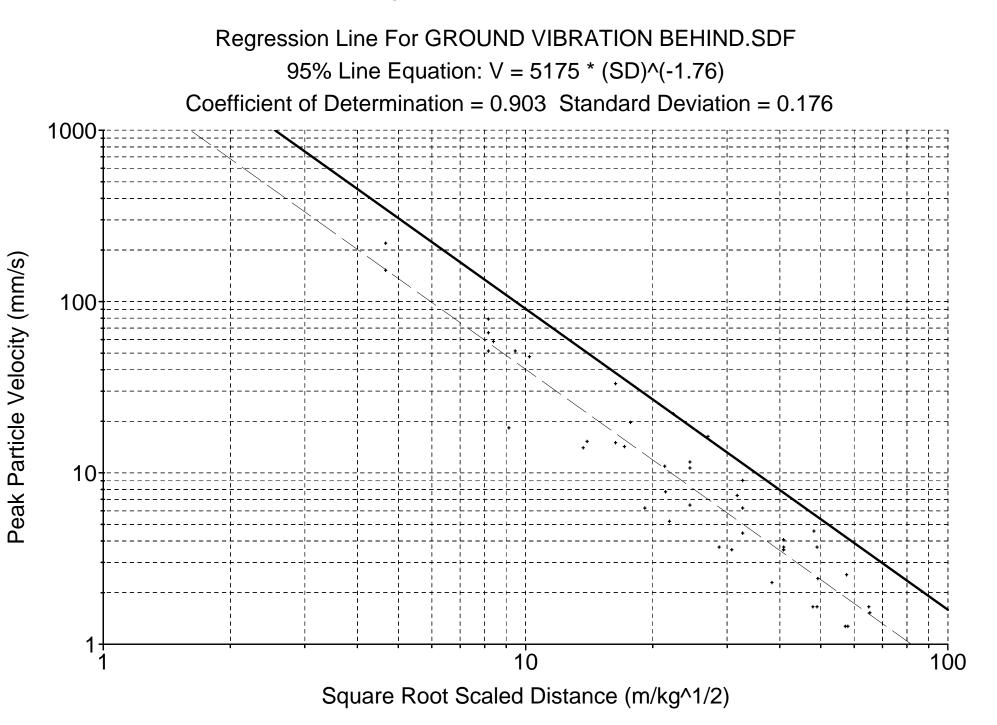
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Date	Wind Direction	Wind Velocity Km/h	Temperature (Deg Celsius)
January	W	11.9	-10.0
February	W	12.5	-14.0
March	W	12.4	-7.9
April	W	12.6	0.9
May	W	12.2	11.6
	\A/	44.0	44.5
June	W	11.2	14.5
July	W	10.1	18.2
August	W	10.0	16.4
September	W	10.1	12.6
October	W	11.7	4.6
November	W	12.6	-1.1
December	W	11.7	-8.8

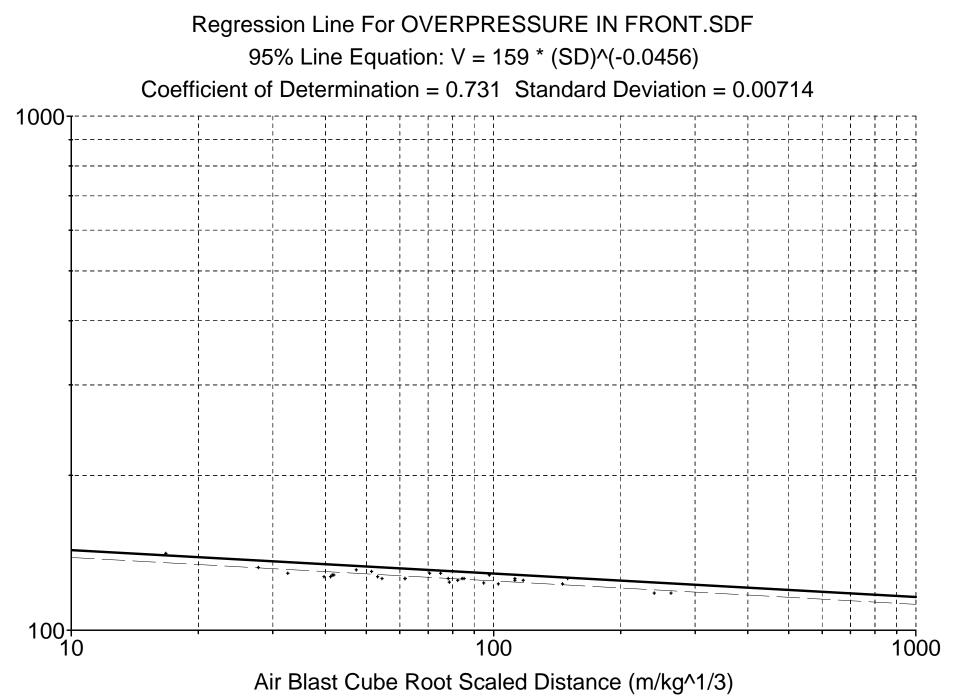
** Data is not available specifically for the proposed quarry location. Nearest weather station is Killaloe/Bonnechere Airport in Killaloe, Ontario
** Data is based on averaged climate normals gathered 1955 – 1980.

Appendix C

Regression Behind the shot



Regression analysis in front of the shot



Overpressure (dB(L))

Appendix D



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B. Sc. Mining Engineering, University of Alberta 1959 Summer Management Program University of Western Ontario Extension English - Queen's University Extension French - University of Montreal

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

Since 1958, Mr. Morin has specialized in drilling and blasting phases of mining, quarrying and construction throughout Canada as well as offshore. This experience includes all aspects of drilling, blast design, blast control, operations and management. Mr. Morin has been accepted as an expert witness in the field of explosives and blasting in provincial and federal courts as well as at Municipal Board hearings in Ontario.

INSTANTEL INC., the world leader in digital blasting seismographs was created by Mr. Morin and Mr. Doyle some forty years ago.

Canadian Explosives Industry Association: The purpose of this association is to promote high standards concerning the use, handling, storage and transport of explosives and to cooperate with government authorities in the promotion of these standards in the interest of public safety and also to encourage the adoption of uniform legislation concerning the explosives industry. Mr. Morin has managed CEAEC since 1985.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

- 1979- Present Principal, Explotech Engineering Ltd.
- 1977 1979 Manager Operations, Armac Drilling and Blasting
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Over thirty years experience in many facets of the construction and mining industry has provided the expertise and experience required to efficiently and accurately address a comprehensive range of engineering and construction conditions. Sound technical training is reinforced by formidable practical experience providing the tools necessary for accurate, comprehensive analysis and application of feasible solutions. Recent focus on vibration analysis, blast monitoring, blast design, damage complaint investigation for explosives consumers and specialized consulting to various consulting engineering firms.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

2001 – Present	-Principal, Explotech Engineering Ltd.
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1993 – 1996	-Rideau Oxford Developments Inc. – Project Manager
1982 – 1993:	-Alphe Cyr Ltd. – Project Coordinator/Manager



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An engineer working for Explotech Engineering Ltd., Andrew holds a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Mechanical Engineering and has strong analytical, technical, and interpersonal skills. A proven leader in collaborative environments, Andrew is comfortable managing projects, specifying details, and communicating internally and externally. Recent focus on blast designs, blast impact analyses, vibration analysis, damage complaint investigation, blast monitoring, and job estimations.

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

- 2018 Present Engineer, Explotech Engineering Ltd.
- 2013 2018 Technician, Explotech Engineering Ltd.
- 2012 2012 Ride Technician, Canada's Wonderland

Appendix E



Blasting Terminology

ANFO:	Ammonium Nitrate and Fuel Oil – explosive product	
ANFO WR:	Water resistant ANFO	
Blast Pattern:	Array of blast holes	
Body hole:	Those blast holes behind the first row of holes (Face Holes)	
Burden:	Distance between the blast hole and a free face	
Column:	That portion of the blast hole above the required grade	
Column Load:	The portion of the explosive loaded above grade	
Collar:	That portion of the blast hole above the explosive column, filled with inert material, preferably clean crushed stone	
Face Hole:	The blast holes nearest the free face	
Overpressure:	A compressional wave in air caused by the direct action of the unconfined explosive or the direct action of confining material subjected to explosive loading.	
Peak Particle Veloc	tity: The rate of change of amplitude, usually measured in mm/s or in/s. This is the velocity or excitation of the particles in the ground resulting from vibratory motion.	
Scaled distance:	An equation relating separation distance between a blast and receptor to the energy (usually expressed as explosive weight) released at any given instant in time.	
Spacing:	Distance between blast holes	
Stemming:	Inert material, preferably clean crushed stone applied into the blast hole from the surface of the rock to the surface of the explosive in the blast hole.	
Sub-grade:	That portion of the blast hole drilled band loaded below the required grade	
Toe Load:	The portion of explosive loaded below grade	



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