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Re: Lowndes Holdings Corp. aggregate development application OPA-04-17 and ZAC-04-89

Dear Stan,

Please find attached the Preliminary Report of Potential Environmental Impacts from the Proposed Lowndes Holdings' Quarry from Friends of Rural Communities and the Environment (FORCE) to both the Peer Review and Combined Aggregate Review Team (CART) processes for the proposed Lowndes Holdings Corp. aggregate development application OPA-04-17 and ZAC-04-89. The report is authored by Dr. Brent Tegler of North-South Environmental.

The intent of this report is to describe those natural heritage features and functions that exist within the Lowndes Holdings property and to examine how these are ecologically linked to other contiguous natural areas within the landscape. The report also specifically examines the current ecological designations that apply to these natural heritage features and the evidentiary basis upon which these designations have been made. This examination is intended to provide early assessment of the kinds of environmental issues that may arise from the proposed aggregate development. Current and evolving regulatory standards that apply to this aggregate development proposal are described in the main body. The report is intended to serve as one input to review of the proponent's application. It does not, however, constitute a detailed critique or specific consideration of any applications filed under applicable legal regimes, such as the Planning Act (submitted by the proponent on 09/20/04), the Aggregate Resources Act, the Ontario Water Resources Act and the Conservation Authorities Act. Such analysis, pertaining to the OPA and rezoning application, will be submitted shortly under separate cover.

FORCE again appreciates the opportunity to participate afforded by the City of Hamilton. As noted above, this cover letter and the enclosure constitute our preliminary submission to the application's natural environment analysis. This response will be supplemented shortly with a detailed critique of the application and, as necessary, during the course of the application review period as the proponent amends its application. We have provided the material electronically in pdf form and I would ask that this material be provided to the City's Peer Review Team and CART members to be considered as an input to the application review process for the proposed Lowndes Holdings Corp. aggregate development application OPA-04-17 and ZAC-04-89.

Respectfully submitted,

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