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MEDIA RELEASE

Nelson Provides Safe Route for Bruce Trail Hikers

Burlington, Ontario, May 31, 2007 -- Nelson Aggregate Co. is providing public access to 1.5 kilometers of its Burlington Quarry land running along the Bruce Trail on Colling Road to make a safe route for hikers. The newly accessible land will secure a passageway and continuous link for hikers to safely enjoy the escarpment.

The initiative, conducted jointly with the Bruce Trail Association and local volunteers, provides a safer route for hikers looking to get from the escarpment trails along Mount Nemo to where the trail picks up again at Britannia Road and Blind Line.

To make the trail possible, Nelson Aggregate obtained the required approvals from the Ministry of Natural Resources to allow access to the land and built a new fence along its entire length. The route spans 1.5 kilometers along the Northern perimeter of its quarry lands that border Colling Road.

"We've noticed many hikers using this busy stretch of Colling Road, so we approached the Bruce Trail Association with the idea of granting hiker's access to our property," said Norm Elmhirst, president of Nelson Aggregate.

"Thanks to the tireless efforts of Burlington resident Eric Best and other active Bruce Trail volunteers, the idea has now become a reality," added Elmhirst.

According to Best, more than 10 volunteers, active in the Bruce Trail Association as trail workers, joined Nelson staff in the initiative. The work involved the building of two bridges, side logging, clearing of the trail where necessary and fencing to restrict access to the quarry.

Tom Palko, property manager of Nelson Aggregate said, "The quarry pathway provides a walkway and conservation corridor for hikers to enjoy one of Canada's oldest marked hiking trails. It's the latest example of our commitment to leading and supporting environmental and conservation initiatives that improve the quality of life for Burlington residents and visitors."

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Nelson Aggregate Co., www.nelsonaggregate.com, was formed in 1983 and is a partnership between Lafarge Canada Inc. and Steed and Evans Holdings Inc. Nelson offers quarry, sand and gravel and asphalt products, which are used extensively in Sewer and Watermain Construction, Road Construction, and in Commercial and Residential Construction. Nelson's locations are strategically situated in Lincoln, Burlington, Cambridge, Orillia and Oneida to serve the southern Ontario market. A major contributor to the local and regional economy in which it operates, Nelson Aggregate is a recognized industry leader for best practices in aggregate operations, environmental management, rehabilitation and community relations.

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Caption:

A new section of the Bruce Trail officially opened today in Burlington as part of a joint initiative with Nelson Aggregate Co. Nelson Aggregate has provided public access to 1.5 kilometers of its Burlington Quarry land to help make a safer route for hikers. From L to R are Eric Best, Bruce Trail Volunteer and Nelson Aggregate officials, Steve Drew, Quarry Manager, Tom Palko, Property Manager and Norm Elmhirst, President.

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