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NELSON AGGREGATE RESPONDS TO JART REPORT

A recent decision to permit Nelson Aggregate renewed dialogue with government agencies has allowed Nelson and its technical experts to produce a detailed review of the JART (Joint Agency Review Team) Report on Nelson's Burlington Quarry.

“As demonstrated at the February 19th public meeting, there were a number of technical concerns with the JART report and we appreciate the cooperation in allowing us the opportunity to address and discuss those concerns with the agencies prior to staff reports being formalized.” said Nelson's President Norm Elmhirst.

Following months of being left out of the dialogue process by JART agencies, at a March 3rd pre-hearing conference for the quarry application, the Joint Board granted Nelson's request to have until the end of March to provide its review comments to the agencies and that the agencies then have a reasonable time to review and consider that information in the preparation of staff reports.

“Our technical experts have been very thorough in their review of the document. We believe it is important that the JART information be as current and accurate as possible to form a sound basis for the staff reports,” Mr. Elmhirst said. “The Nelson review highlights a number of critical issues in the JART report that must be amended before Council and agency officials make their decision on the quarry extension proposal.”

Elmhirst said the next logical step is for Nelson and its experts to meet with the government agencies that participated on the JART and review their findings. “We are ready to sit down with agency officials as soon as possible to help ensure that we all have the most accurate and comprehensive technical information possible.”

The review document for the JART report is posted on Nelson's company web site www.nelsonaggregate.com for public information.

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Nelson Aggregate Co., www.nelsonaggregate.com, was formed in 1983 as 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 Beamsville, 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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