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OFFICE OF THE WORKS & OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

**Town of Marathon Landfill Site – Application for Extension of Landfill**  
**Marathon Landfill Site – C of A 591801**

Dear Mr. Gebrezghi,

The Town of Marathon has prepared this Emergency Certificate of Approval (C of A) Amendment for extension of the Town of Marathon landfill with the assistance of Golder Associates Ltd. (Golder) and Walker Engineering Inc.. This landfill is operated by the Town under C of A No. A591801, issued March 1, 1989.

The Town has been attempting to secure landfill capacity since 1989 to serve the municipality upon closure of the existing Marathon Landfill. The Town is currently pursuing approvals for a new regional landfill, the proposed Regional Landfill Site (RLS), to be located approximately 64 kilometres northwest of the Town, at Dead Horse Creek. This location was selected after an exhaustive review process which included consultation with Town residents, the MOE and land owners near the proposed sites including First Nations. Commencement of the planning and construction of the Regional Landfill has been delayed in part due to land acquisition issues and the economics of operating and maintaining the proposed Regional Landfill until more municipal partners are able to share in the use and funding of the Regional Landfill. The capital and operating costs of the proposed Regional Landfill Site are such that the Town cannot support the operation on its own, without other municipal partners. Although other municipalities have indicated a willingness to participate in the Regional Landfill, they will only participate once their existing waste disposal facilities reach capacity, which in most cases is 15 to 20 years into the future.

Given the land disposition uncertainty, the financial constraints and the lack of municipal partners for several years, the Town of Marathon has endorsed a phased approach for waste disposal in the community, as follows:

- Phase 1: Pursue an Emergency Certificate of Approval Amendment for the existing Marathon Landfill Site to allow time for the Town to consider other alternatives for waste disposal;
- Phase 2: Undertake an Environmental Screening in accordance with Ontario Regulation 101/07 to evaluate the alternative of expanding the existing Marathon Landfill Site by 100,000 cubic metres. This screening study will evaluate alternative means to provide

approximately 16 years of additional capacity at the existing Marathon Landfill, which would provide the necessary capacity until the Regional Landfill Site can be fully developed and operated;

- Phase 3: Develop the Regional Landfill Site in conjunction with other area municipalities.

The remaining life of the Marathon Landfill was recently estimated to be approximately one year, and as a result, the Town will not have sufficient capacity to complete the necessary tasks required to establish a long term waste management solution. The Town is herein applying for an Emergency C of A Amendment for extension of the landfill, in order to provide the required landfill capacity to allow for the development of the long term waste disposal solution.

Please find attached two copies of the Application for a Provisional Certificate of Approval for a Waste Disposal Site, including the required fee and the following supporting documentation:

Attachment 1: Landfill Operations Plan (November 2003)

Attachment 2: 2008 Annual Monitoring and Progress Report (April 2009)

Attachment 3: Closure Plan (April 2007)

Attachment 4: Town of Marathon Landfill Proposed Expansion Summary (June 2009)

Attachment 5: Marathon Landfill Phased Approach – Staff Report

We trust the above meets with your approval. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you require any additional information.

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