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Mr. David Darrow Deputy Minister Department of Transportation and Public Works PO Box 186 Halifax, NS B3J 2N2

Dear Mr. Darrow:

Re: Environmental Assessment - Highway 113

The environmental assessment (EA) review of the focus report for the proposed Highway 113, Halifax Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia, has been completed.

This letter is to advise that, following a review of the information provided by the Department of Transportation and Public Works, and through the government and public consultation as part of the environmental assessment, I have determined that an EA report is appropriate, pursuant to Section 18(b) of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*. Please find attached a flow-chart of the process from this point. Note the pathway should the EA report be referred to the EA Board. This decision path requires public review of terms of reference (40 days), EA report (48 days) and public hearings before the EA Board.

If you have any questions regarding this Class I project, please contact the Acting Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch, Ms. Julie Towers via email <a href="mailtowersik@gov.ns.ca">towersik@gov.ns.ca</a>.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Mark Parent Minister

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