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Mr. François Jetté
Director
Energy and Chemical Recovery Boilers and Ancillaries
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Dear Mr. Jetté:

Between June 30 and July 7, 2008, I received eight requests asking that I review the decision of the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch (Director) that an individual Environmental Assessment (EA) is not warranted for Domtar Inc.'s (Domtar) proposed Redevelopment of the Hydroelectric Potential of the Existing Chaudière Island Site (Project).

I am taking this opportunity to inform you that I have decided to confirm the Director's decision. This decision was made after giving careful consideration to the issues raised in the requests, the Project documentation, the provisions of the Environmental Screening Process (ESP), and other relevant matters. The reasons for my decision may be found in the attached letter to the requesters. My decision is final.

It is understood that Domtar has made commitments with respect to mitigation and protective measures to address environmental impacts. These commitments are presented in the Environmental Screening Report and form part of the Project, and it is my expectation that they will be fulfilled appropriately. In particular, Domtar has indicated that it will seek input from the Algonquins of Ontario as part of Domtar's discussion with the National Capital Commission about the design of and access to the viewing station.

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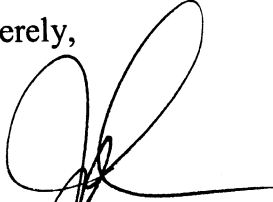


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Please note that the contravention of the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA), including failure to comply with the ESP and the commitments made in the Environmental Screening Report, may result in prosecution under Section 38 of the EAA. This decision is made with the understanding that Domtar recognizes the importance and value of the EAA and that these commitments will be fulfilled.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John Gerretsen
Minister of the Environment

Attachment

c: Mr. Craig Wood, GENIVAR
Requesters
EA File No. EA06-07 Chaudière Island Hydroelectric