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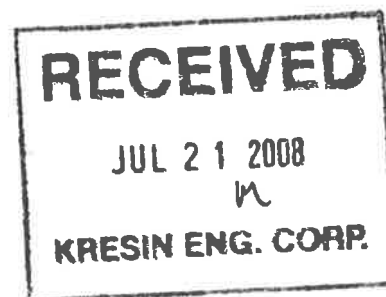
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Mr. Ken Corbiere
Town of Blind River
11 Hudson Street
Blind River ON P0R 1B0



Dear Mr. Corbiere:

Thank you for submitting your Terms of Reference (ToR) on February 20, 2008 and a revised ToR dated April, 2008 for the Town of Blind River Municipal Waste Management Plan. The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) has completed its review and I wish to inform you that I have approved your ToR for the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA).

As required by subsection 6.1(1) of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, your EA must now be prepared in accordance with the approved ToR. While this approval provides additional certainty to your EA decision-making process, it does not secure approval of an undertaking. The Town is responsible for fulfilling the commitments outlined in the ToR and providing the appropriate level of quality in the EA.

Should you wish to vary significantly from your approved ToR in preparing your EA, you will need to submit a new or amended ToR for my approval. In the event of any uncertainty, you should consult with the MOE through the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch.



Mr. Ken Corbiere
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Should you require further assistance please contact Mr. Ross Lashbrook, Project Officer of the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch, at 416-314-1181 or by e-mail at ross.lashbrook@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



John Gerretsen
Minister of the Environment

Attachment

c: **Mr. Chris Kresin**, Kresin Engineering Corporation

TERMS OF REFERENCE - NOTICE OF APPROVAL

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT

SECTION 6(4)

APPROVAL OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

FOR

THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

RE: Proponent: The Corporation of the Town of Blind River

Undertaking: Town of Blind River Municipal Waste Management Plan

EA File No.: EA-02-08-02-03

As provided for by section 6(4) of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, the Terms of Reference (ToR), as submitted for approval to the Ministry of the Environment on February 20, 2008 and revised through the submission of the ToR dated April, 2008 to govern the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the above-noted undertaking, is hereby approved.

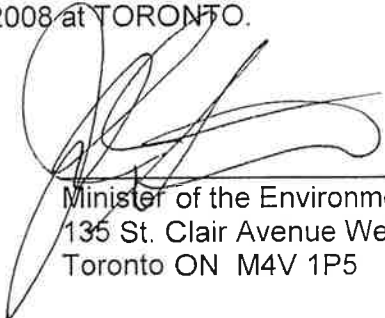
Pursuant to subsection 6.1(1) of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, any EA for the above-noted undertaking, submitted to the Ministry of the Environment pursuant to subsection 6.2(1) of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, must be prepared in accordance with the ToR as hereby approved.

Reasons:

I am satisfied that an EA prepared in accordance with the ToR will be consistent with the purpose of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and the public interest for the following reasons:

1. The ToR ensures that the EA will be completed using a comprehensive public and government agency consultation process that is open and transparent;
2. The ToR ensures that the completed EA will contain a sufficient level of detail to accurately assess the environmental effects of all alternatives and the proposed undertaking; and,
3. The ToR sets out a planning process that will ensure the completed EA will be consistent with the purpose of the EAA and the public interest.

Dated the 11th day of July, 2008 at TORONTO.



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