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Mr. Shawn Persaud, BA, MCIP, RPP Manager of Planning & Development Corporation of the Township of Tiny 130 Balm Beach Road West Tiny ON L0L 2J0

Dear Mr. Persaud,

RE: Proposed Sibthorpe Pit, Darby Road, Township of Tiny

K.J. Beamish Construction Limited (Beamish) has submitted an application for an aggregate license for the Sibthorpe Pit (Darby Road). Beamish is proposing to extract aggregate from the eastern end of the property to the base of the ridge (i.e., 257 metres above sea level in elevation). This proposal would result in the removal of some of the Significant Woodland on the subject lands, including woodland with interior forest habitat. The remainder of the Significant Woodland, from the base of the ridge to the western property boundary, is not part of the proposed extraction area, and would be retained as woodland.

To mitigate impacts from the loss of the extent of Significant Woodland, Beamish has proposed compensation tree planting on the Teedon Pit that abuts the subject lands to the south, and tree planting as part of the rehabilitation plan for the Sibthorpe site. The tree planting being proposed would result in parts of Teedon being forested that are currently not treed, and contribute to interior forest habitat once the trees mature.

Given Sections 2.5.2.2 and 2.5.3.1 of the current (2005) Provincial Policy Statement, the Severn Sound Environmental Association (SSEA) agrees in principle to extraction to the base of the slope with compensation tree planting, pending the submission of an acceptable tree planting plan.

For land use planning purposes, the Township could consider retaining the Significant Woodlands designation (i.e., Environmental Protection Two in the Official Plan) on areas of the property with that designation currently, in order to reflect the ultimate use of the land.

Please contact me with any questions.

Yours truly,

Keith Sherman, Executive Director

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