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June 28, 2011

Florence May, C.A.O. R.M. of Ritchot 352 Main Street St. Adolphe, MB R5A 1B9

Dear Ms. May:

Enclosed is **Environment Act Licence No. 2577R** dated June 28, 2011 issued in accordance with The Environment Act to the R.M. of Ritchot for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Development being an expanded wastewater treatment lagoon on the SE 32-8-4 EPM in the R. M. of Ritchot. The proposed development consists of the expansion of the secondary cell of the Village of Ile Des Chênes wastewater stabilization pond to service the anticipated increase in population in the village. Treated wastewater will be discharged into the existing discharge route, which runs into the Seine River Diversion and ultimately drains into the Red River, in accordance with the Proposal filed under The Environment Act on February 22, 2011.

In addition to the enclosed Licence requirements, please be informed that all other applicable federal, provincial and municipal regulations and by-laws must be complied with. A Notice of Alteration must be filed with the Director for approval prior to any alteration to the Development as licensed.

For further information on the administration and application of the Licence, please feel free to contact Rafiqul Chowdhury, Environmental Engineer (204) 945-2614.

Pursuant to Section 27 of The Environment Act, this licensing decision may be appealed by any person who is affected by the issuance of this Licence to the Minister of Conservation within 30 days of the date of the Licence.

Fe, Tracey Braun, M. Sc.
Director
Environment Act

Enc.

c: Don Labossiere, Director, Environmental Operations Ross Webster, P. Eng., Genivar Public Registries

NOTE: Confirmation of Receipt of this Licence No. 2577 R (by the Licencee only) is required by the Director of Environmental Assessment and Licensing. Please acknowledge receipt by signing in the space provided below and faxing a copy (letter only) to the Department by July 13, 2011.

R.M. of Ritchot Date



LICENCE

Licence No. / Licence n°	2577 R
Issue Date / Date de délivrance _	October 23, 2002
Revised:	June 28, 2011

In accordance with The Environment Act (C.C.S.M. c. E125) Conformément à la Loi sur l'environnement (C.P.L.M. c. E125)

Pursuant to Sections 11(1) and 14(2) / Conformément au Paragraphe 11(1) et 14(2)

THIS LICENCE IS ISSUED TO: / CETTE LICENCE EST DONNÉE À:

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF RITCHOT; "the Licencee"

for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Development being an expanded wastewater treatment lagoon on the SE 32-8-4 EPM in the Rural Municipality of Ritchot. The proposed development consists of the expansion of the secondary cell of the Village of Ile Des Chenes wastewater stabilization pond to service the anticipated increase in population in the village. Treated wastewater will be discharged into the existing discharge route, which runs into the Seine River Diversion and ultimately drains into the Red River, in accordance with the Proposal filed under The Environment Act on February 22, 2011, and subject to the following specifications, limits, terms and conditions:

DEFINITIONS

In this Licence.

"accredited laboratory" means an analytical facility accredited by the Standard Council of Canada (SCC), or accredited by another accrediting agency recognized by Manitoba Conservation to be equivalent to the SCC, or be able to demonstrate, upon request, that it has the quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) procedures in place equivalent to accreditation based on the international standard ISO/IEC 17025, or otherwise approved by the Director;

"affected area" means a geographical area excluding the property of the Development;

"approved" means approved by the Director, or an assigned Environment Officer, in writing;

A COPY OF THE LICENCE MUST BE KEPT ON SITE AT THE DEVELOPMENT AT ALL TIMES

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- "ASTM" means the American Society for Testing and Materials;
- "base" means the exposed and finished elevation of the bottom of any cell of the wastewater treatment lagoon;
- "bentonite" means specially formulated standard mill grade sodium bentonite conforming to American Petroleum Institute Specification 13-A;
- "Director" means an employee so designated pursuant to The Environment Act;
- "effluent" means treated wastewater flowing or pumped out of the wastewater treatment lagoon;
- "Environment Officer" means an employee so appointed pursuant to The Environment Act:
- "fecal coliform" means aerobic and facultative, Gram-negative, nonspore-forming, rodshaped bacteria capable of growth at 44.5 °C, and associated with fecal matter of warmblooded animals:
- "five-day biochemical oxygen demand" means that part of the oxygen demand usually associated with biochemical oxidation of organic matter within 5 days at a temperature of 20°C;
- "five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand" means that part of the oxygen demand usually associated with biochemical oxidation of carbonaceous organic matter within five days at a temperature of 20°C, excluding the oxygen demand usually associated with the biochemical oxidation of nitrogenous organic matter;
- "flooding" means the flowing of water onto lands, other than waterways, due to the overtopping of a waterway or waterways;
- "grab sample" means a quantity of wastewater taken at a given place and time;
- "high water mark" means the line on the interior surface of the facultative and storage cells which is normally reached when the cell is at the maximum allowable liquid level or the line of the exterior of the perimeter dykes which is reached during local flooding;
- "hydraulic conductivity" means the quantity of water that will flow through a unit cross-sectional area of a porous material per unit of time under a hydraulic gradient of 1.0;

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"industrial wastewater" means wastewater derived from an industry which manufactures, handles or processes a product and does not include wastewater from commercial and residential buildings;

"low water mark" means the line on the interior surface of the facultative and storage cells which is normally reached when the cell is discharged;

"MPN Index" means the most probable number of coliform organisms in a given volume of wastewater which, in accordance with statistical theory, would yield the observed test result with the greatest frequency;

"odour nuisance" means a continuous or repeated odour, smell or aroma, in an affected area, which is offensive, obnoxious, troublesome, annoying, unpleasant, or disagreeable to a person:

- a) residing in an affected area;
- b) working in an affected area; or
- c) present at a location in an affected area which is normally open to members of the public;

if the odour, smell or aroma

- d) is the subject of at least 5 written complaints, received by the Director in a form satisfactory to the Director and within a 90-day period, from 5 different persons falling within clauses a), b) or c), who do not live in the same household; or
- e) is the subject of at least one written complaint, received by the Director in a form satisfactory to the Director, from a person falling within clauses a), b) or c), and the Director is of the opinion that if the odour, smell or aroma had occurred in a more densely populated area there would have been at least 5 written complaints received within a 90-day period from 5 different persons who do not live in the same household:

"primary cell" means the first in a series of cells of the wastewater treatment lagoon system and which is the cell that receives the untreated wastewater;

"record drawings" means engineering drawings complete with all dimensions which indicate all features of the Development as it has actually been built;

"rip rap" means small, broken stones or boulders placed compactly or irregularly on dykes or similar embankments for protection of earth surfaces against wave action or current;

"secondary cell" means a cell of the wastewater treatment lagoon system which is the cell that receives partially treated wastewater from the primary cell;

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"septage" means the sludge produced in individual on-site wastewater disposal systems such as septic tanks;

"sewage" means household and commercial wastewater that contains human waste;

"sludge" means accumulated solid material containing large amounts of entrained water, which has separated from wastewater during processing;

"Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater" means the most recent edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater published jointly by the American Public Health Association, the American Waterworks Association and the Water Environment Federation;

"total coliform" means a group of aerobic and facultative anaerobic, Gram-negative, nonspore-forming, rod-shaped bacteria, that ferment lactose with gas and acid formation within 48 hours at 35 °C, and inhabit predominantly the intestines of man or animals, but are occasionally found elsewhere and include the sub-group of fecal coliform bacteria;

"wastewater" means the spent or used water of a community or industry which contains dissolved and suspended matter;

"wastewater collection system" means the sewer and pumping system used for the collection and conveyance of domestic, commercial and industrial wastewater; and

"wastewater treatment lagoon" means the component of the development which consists of an impoundment into which wastewater is discharged for treatment and storage.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This Section of the Licence contains requirements intended to provide guidance to the Licencee in implementing practices to ensure that the environment is maintained in such a manner as to sustain a high quality of life, including social and economic development, recreation and leisure for present and future Manitobans.

1. The Licencee shall direct all wastewater generated within the unincorporated Village of Ile Des Chenes toward the wastewater treatment lagoon or other approved sewage treatment facilities.

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- 2. In addition to any of the limits, terms and conditions specified in this Licence, the Licencee shall, upon the request of the Director:
 - a) sample, monitor, analyze and/or investigate specific areas of concern regarding any segment, component or aspect of pollutant storage, containment, treatment, handling, disposal or emission systems, for such pollutants or ambient quality, aquatic toxicity, leachate characteristics and discharge or emission rates, for such duration and at such frequencies as may be specified;
 - b) determine the environmental impact associated with the release of any pollutant(s) from the Development; or
 - c) provide the Director, within such time as may be specified, with such reports, drawings, specifications, analytical data, descriptions of sampling and analytical procedures being used, bioassay data, flow rate measurements and such other information as may from time to time be requested.
- 3. The Licencee shall, unless otherwise specified in this Licence:
 - a) carry out all preservations and analyses on liquid samples in accordance with the methods prescribed in "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater" or in accordance with an equivalent analytical methodology approved by the Director;
 - b) have all analytical determinations undertaken by an accredited laboratory; and
 - c) report the results to the Director, in writing or in a format acceptable to the Director, within 60 days of the sample being taken.

4. The Licencee shall:

- a) in case of physical or mechanical equipment breakdown or process upset where such breakdown or upset may result in the emission, release, or discharge of a pollutant:
 - i) immediately notify the Director by facsimile or any other notification procedure approved by the Director, stating the nature of the event, the time and estimated duration of the event and the reason for the event:
 - ii) identify the repairs required to the mechanical equipment;
 - iii) undertake all repairs to minimize unauthorized discharges of a pollutant;
 - iv) complete the repairs in accordance with any written instructions of the Director; and
 - v) submit a report to the Director about the causes of breakdown and measures taken, within one week of the repairs being done.
- b) during construction and operation of the Development:
 - i) immediately report any reportable spills of fuels or other contaminants to Manitoba Conservation's Accident Reporting Line

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- at (204) 944-4888 in accordance with the requirements of Manitoba Environmental Accident and Reporting Regulation (439/87); and
- ii) provide a written report concerning the spill and the actions taken to the Director within one week of the occurrence of the spill.
- 5. The Licencee shall comply with the provisions of the Manitoba Regulation 331/88R respecting Water Works, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Regulation and its amendment or any future amendment thereof.
- 6. The Licencee shall comply with the provisions of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada/Manitoba Natural Resources publication, "Manitoba Stream Crossing Guidelines for the Protection of Fish and Fish Habitat" (May, 1996).
- 7. The Licencee shall obtain and maintain classification of the Development pursuant to *Manitoba Regulation* 77/2003 respecting *Water and Wastewater Facility Operators* or any future amendment thereof and maintain compliance with all requirements of the regulation including, but not limited to, the preparation and maintenance of a Table of Organization, Emergency Response Plan and Standard Operating Procedures. All classification documents must be made available to an Environment Officer upon request.
- 8. The Licencee shall carry out the operation of the Development with individuals properly certified to do so pursuant to *Manitoba Regulation 77/2003* respecting *Water and Wastewater Facility Operators* or any future amendment thereof.
- 9. The Licencee shall obtain all necessary federal, provincial and/or municipal licences, authorizations, permits and/or approvals for construction of relevant components of the Development prior to commencement of construction.
- 10. The Licencee shall not cause or permit an odour nuisance to be created as a result of the construction, operation or alteration of the Development, and shall take such steps as the Director may require to eliminate or to mitigate an odour nuisance.
- 11. The Licencee shall submit all information required to be provided to the Director under this Licence, in writing, in such form (including number of copies), and of such content as may be required by the Director, and each submission shall be clearly labeled with the Licence Number and Client File Number associated with this Licence.
- 12. The Licencee shall actively participate in any current or future watershed-based management study, plan and/or nutrient reduction program, approved by the

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Director, for Seine River Diversion, the Red River and associated waterways and watersheds.

SPECIFICATIONS, LIMITS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Respecting Construction - General

- 13. The Licencee shall notify the assigned Environment Officer not less than two weeks prior to beginning construction of the Development. The notification shall include the intended starting date of construction, the name of the contractor responsible for the construction and the name of the on-site contact person.
- 14. The Licencee shall:
 - a) conduct all ditch related work activities during no flow or dry conditions and not during the April 1 to June 15 fish spawning and incubation period;
 - b) not construct the wastewater treatment lagoon or wastewater collection system during periods of heavy rain;
 - c) place and/or isolate all dredged and construction materials where it will not erode into any watercourse;
 - d) implement long-term sediment and erosion control measures to prevent soil-laden runoff, and/or silt from entering any watercourse during construction and until vegetation is established;
 - e) routinely inspect all erosion and sediment control structures and immediately complete any necessary maintenance or repair;
 - f) vegetate any disturbed areas by planting and seeding preferably native trees, shrubs or grasses and cover such areas with mulch to prevent soil erosion and to help seeds germinate; and
 - g) use rock that is free of silt and clay for rip rap.
- 15. The Licencee shall install and maintain a fence around the wastewater treatment lagoon to limit access. The fence shall be a minimum of 1.2 meters high and have a locking gate, which shall be locked at all times except to allow access to the wastewater treatment lagoon.
- 16. The Licencee shall locate all fuel storage and equipment servicing areas established for the construction and operation of the Development a minimum distance of 100 metres from any waterbody, and shall comply with the requirements of Manitoba Regulation 188/2001 respecting Storage and Handling of Petroleum Products and Allied Products Regulation or any future amendment thereof.

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- 17. The Licencee shall, during construction of the wastewater treatment lagoon, operate, maintain and store all materials and equipment in a manner that prevents any deleterious substances (fuel, oil, grease, hydraulic fluids, coolant, paint, uncured concrete and concrete wash water, etc.) from entering the wastewater treatment lagoon, the discharge route and associated watercourses, and have an emergency spill kit for in water use available on-site during construction.
- 18. The Licencee shall:
 - a) prepare updated "record drawings" for the Development and shall label the drawings "Record Drawings"; and
 - b) provide to the Director, not later than six months after construction of the development is completed, two sets of "record drawings" of the wastewater treatment lagoon.

Respecting Construction - Liner

- 19. The Licencee shall, prior to the construction of the dykes for the wastewater treatment lagoon:
 - a) remove all organic topsoil from the area where the dykes will be constructed; or
 - b) remove all organic material for a depth of 0.3 metres and a width of 3.0 metres from the area where the liner will be constructed.
- 20. The Licencee shall construct and maintain all cells of the wastewater treatment lagoon with continuous liners, including cut-offs, under all interior surfaces of the cells in accordance with the following specifications:
 - a) the liners shall be made of clay;
 - b) the liners shall be at least one metre in thickness;
 - c) the liners shall have a hydraulic conductivity of 1 x 10⁻⁷ centimetres per second or less at all locations; and
 - d) the liners shall be constructed to an elevation of 2.5 metres above the base of each cell.
- 21. The Licencee shall arrange with the designated Environment Officer a mutually acceptable time and date for any required soil sampling between the 15th day of May and the 15th day of October of any year, unless otherwise approved by the designated Environment Officer.
- 22. The Licencee shall take and test undisturbed soil samples, in accordance with Schedule "A" attached to this Licence, from the liners of the cells of the wastewater treatment lagoon; the number and location of samples and test methods are to be specified the designated Environment Officer up to a maximum of 30 samples.

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23. The Licencee shall, not less than two weeks before the wastewater treatment lagoon is placed in operation, submit to the Director the results of the tests carried out pursuant to Clause 22 of this Licence.

Respecting Operation

- 24. The Licencee shall operate and maintain the wastewater treatment lagoon in such a manner that:
 - a) the organic loading on the wastewater treatment lagoon, in terms of the five-day biochemical oxygen demand, is not in excess of 56 kilograms per hectare per day;
 - b) the depth of liquid in the cells does not exceed 1.5 metres; and
 - c) a 1.0 metre freeboard is maintained in primary and secondary cells at all times.
- 25. The Licencee shall not discharge, or permit discharge of, septage into the wastewater treatment lagoon. The Licencee shall erect and maintain information signs, acceptable to the Director, indicating that septage may not be discharged at the facility and directing septage haulers to an appropriate facility.
- 26. The Licencee shall construct and maintain an all-weather access road to the wastewater treatment lagoon.
- 27. The Licencee shall not discharge effluent from the wastewater treatment lagoon:
 - a) where the organic content of the effluent, as indicated by the five day biochemical oxygen demand, is in excess of 25 milligrams per litre;
 - b) where the fecal coliform content of the effluent, as indicated by the MPN index, is in excess of 200 per 100 millilitres of sample;
 - c) where the total coliform content of the effluent, as indicated by the MPN index, is in excess of 1500 per 100 millilitres of sample;
 - d) where the total suspended solids content of the effluent is in excess of 25 milligrams per litre, unless the exceedance is caused by algae;
 - e) where the total phosphorus is in excess of 1.0 milligram per litre;
 - f) between the 1st day of November of any year and the 15th day of June of the following year;
 - g) when flooding from any cause is occurring along the effluent drainage route: or
 - h) when such a discharge would cause or contribute to flooding in or along the effluent drainage route.
- 28. The Licencee shall discharge the wastewater treatment lagoon over at least a two-week period, while accelerating discharge as necessary to maintain normal operation of the wastewater treatment lagoon, such that increased nutrient uptake from the wastewater effluent may occur along the discharge route.

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Respecting Maintenance

- 29. The Licencee shall, if, in the opinion of the Director, significant erosion of the interior surfaces of the dykes occurs, repair the dyke and install rip rap as necessary. The rip rap shall be placed on the interior dyke surfaces from 0.6 metres above the high water mark to at least 0.6 metres below the low water mark to protect the dykes from wave action.
- 30. The Licencee shall provide and maintain a grass cover on the dykes of the wastewater treatment lagoon and shall regulate the growth of the vegetation so that the height of the vegetation does not exceed 0.3 metres on all dykes.
- 31. The Licencee shall annually remove by mechanical methods all reeds, rushes and trees located above the low water mark in every cell of the wastewater treatment lagoon, while ensuring the integrity of the liner is maintained at all times.
- 32. The Licencee shall implement an ongoing program to remove burrowing animals from the site of the wastewater treatment lagoon.

MONITORING AND REPORTING

- 33. The Licencee shall, prior to each effluent discharge campaign, obtain grab samples of the treated wastewater and have them analyzed for:
 - a) the organic content as indicated by the five-day biochemical oxygen demand and expressed as milligrams per litre;
 - b) the organic content as indicated by the five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand and expressed as milligrams per litre;
 - c) the fecal coliform content as indicated by the MPN index and expressed as MPN per 100 millilitres per sample;
 - d) the total coliform content as indicated by the MPN index and expressed as MPN per 100 millilitres per sample;
 - e) the total suspended solids content expressed as milligrams per litre; and
 - f) the total phosphorus content expressed as milligram per litre.
- 34. The Licencee shall, when chlorine is used as a disinfecting agent:
 - a) notify the Director in advance;
 - b) dechlorinate effluent prior to discharge;
 - c) obtain daily grab samples during the discharge period and have them analyzed for total residual chlorine; and
 - d) not discharge effluent where the concentration of the total residual chlorine is in excess of 0.02 mg/L.

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- 35. The Licencee shall:
 - during each year maintain records of: a)
 - wastewater sample dates; i)
 - ii) original copies of laboratory analytical results of the sampled wastewater: and
 - effluent discharge dates;
 - make the records being maintained pursuant to sub-Clause 35 a) of this b) Licence available to an Environment Officer upon request; and
 - keep the maintained records of any one calendar year available for c) inspection for a period of three years following the respective calendar year in which they were recorded.
- 36. The Licencee shall, during the first year of operation of the Development following the construction of the wastewater treatment lagoon that a discharge must occur, obtain two representative grab samples of the effluent during each effluent discharge campaign. The grab samples shall be obtained near the start of each discharge and near the end of each discharge, and shall be analyzed and reported in accordance with Schedule "B" attached to this Licence.

REVIEW AND REVOCATION

- Environment Act Licence No. 2577 is hereby rescinded upon commissioning of A. the expanded wastewater treatment lagoon.
- B. If, in the opinion of the Director, the Licencee has exceeded or is exceeding or has or is failing to meet the specifications, limits, terms, or conditions set out in this Licence, the Director may, temporarily or permanently, revoke this Licence.
- C. If, in the opinion of the Director, new evidence warrants a change in the specifications, limits, terms or conditions of this Licence, the Director may require the filing of a new proposal pursuant to Section 11 of The Environment Act.

Tracev Braun, M. Sc.

Director

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Schedule "A" to Environment Act Licence No. 2577R

Soil Sampling:

- 1. The Licencee shall provide a drilling rig, acceptable to the designated Environment Officer, to extract soil samples from the liner which is not placed or found at the surface of the lagoon structure. This includes all wastewater treatment lagoons constructed with clay cutoffs at the interior base of the dyke or with a clay cutoff in the centre of the dyke. The drill rig shall have the capacity to drill to the maximum depth of the clay cutoff plus an additional 2 metres. The drill rig shall be equipped with both standard and hollow stem augers. The minimum hole diameter shall be 5 inches.
- 2. For lagoon liners placed or found at the surface of the lagoon structure, the Licencee shall provide a machine, acceptable to the designated Environment Officer, capable of pressing a sampling tube into the liner in a straight line motion along the centre axis line of the sample tube and without sideways movement.
- 3. Soil samples shall be collected and shipped in accordance with ASTM Standard D 1587 (Standard Practice for Thin-Walled Tube Sampling of Soils), D 4220 (Standard Practice for Preserving and Transporting Soil Samples) and D 3550 (Standard Practice for Ring-Lines Barrel Sampling of Soils). Thin-walled tubes shall meet the stated requirements including length, inside clearance ratio and corrosion protection. An adequate venting area shall be provided through the sampling head.
- 4. At the time of sample collection, the designated Environment Officer shall advise the Licencee as to the soil testing method that must be used on each sample. The oedometer method may be used for a sample were the Environment Officer determines that the soil sample is taken from an undisturbed clay soil which has not been remoulded and which is homogeneous and unweathered. The triaxial test shall be used for all samples taken from disturbed and remoulded soils or from non homogeneous and weathered soils.
- 5. The Licencee shall provide a report on the collection of soil samples to the designated Environment Officer and to the laboratory technician which includes but is not limited to: a plot plan indicating sample location, depth or elevation of sample, length of advance of the sample tube length of soil sample contained in the tube after its advancement, the soil test method specified by the Environment Officer for each soil sample and all necessary instructions from the site engineer to the laboratory technician.
- 6. All drill and sample holes shall be sealed with bentonite pellets after the field drilling and sampling has been completed.

Soil Testing Methods:

1. Triaxial Test Method

- a) The soil samples shall be tested for hydraulic conductivity using ASTM D 5084 (Standard Test Method for Measurement of Hydraulic Conductivity of Saturated Porous Materials Using a Flexible Wall Permeameter).
- b) Soil specimens shall have a minimum diameter of 70 mm (2.75 inches) and a minimum height of 70 mm (2.75 inches). The soil specimens shall be selected from a section of the soil sample which contains the most porous material based on a visual inspection. The hydraulic gradient shall not exceed 30 during sample preparation and testing. Swelling of the soil specimen should be controlled to adjust for: the amount of compaction measured during sample collection and extraction from the tube and the depth or elevation of the sample. The effective stress used during saturation or consolidation of the sample shall not exceed 40 kPa (5.7 psi) or the specific stress level, that is expected in the field location were the sample was taken, which ever is greater.
- c) The complete laboratory report, as outlined in ASTM D 5084, shall be supplied for each soil sample collected in the field.

2. Oedometer Test Method

- a) The soil samples shall be tested for hydraulic conductivity using ASTM D 2435 (Standard Test Method for One-Dimensional Consolidation Properties of Soils).
- b) Soil specimens shall have a minimum diameter of 50 mm (2 inches) and a minimum height of 20 mm (0.8 inches). The soil specimens shall be selected from a section of the soil sample which contains the most porous material based on a visual inspection. The soil specimen shall be taken from an undisturbed soil sample. The soil specimen shall be completely saturated.
- c) The complete laboratory report, as outlined in ASTM D 2435, shall be supplied for each soil sample collected in the field.

Schedule "B" to Environment Act Licence No. 2577R

Initial Characterization of Wastewater

Facility Size: Very small (less than 500 m³/day)

Facility Type: Facultative wastewater treatment lagoon – intermittent discharge

Effluent Sampling:

During the first year of operation, for all discharge events:

- 1. Obtain a representative grab sample of the discharging effluent near the beginning of the discharge period and near the end of the discharge period (i.e., two samples for each discharge event.)
- 2. Determine the temperature of each sample at the time of sampling.

Effluent Analysis:

1. For each grab sample, have the grab sample analysed for:

- a) the organic content as indicated by the five-day biochemical oxygen demand and expressed as milligrams per litre;
- b) the organic content as indicated by the five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand and expressed as milligrams per litre;
- c) the total suspended solids content expressed as milligrams per litre;
- d) the *Esherichia coli* (*E. Coli*) content as indicated by the MPN index and expressed as MPN per 100 millilitres per sample;
- e) the fecal coliform content as indicated by the MPN index and expressed as MPN per 100 millilitres per sample;
- f) the total coliform content as indicated by the MPN index and expressed as MPN per 100 millilitres per sample;
- g) if chlorine was used as a disinfecting agent, total residual chlorine expressed as milligrams per litre;
- h) total ammonia nitrogen expressed as milligrams per litre;
- i) nitrate-nitrite nitrogen expressed as milligrams per litre;
- i) total kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN) expressed as milligrams per litre;
- k) dissolved phosphorus expressed as milligrams per litre;
- 1) total phosphorus expressed as milligrams per litre; and
- m) pH.

Effluent Reporting:

1. For each grab sample, report the results to the Director, in writing or in an electronic format acceptable to the Director within 60 days of the sampling date. The report shall include the sampling date, sample temperature, the dates of the effluent discharge, and copies of the laboratory analytical results of the sampled effluent.

