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Feisal Somji
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Dear Feisal Somji:

I understand that during the public review period of the environmental assessment and licensing process for the CanWhite Sands Silica Sand Extraction Project, requests for a Clean Environment Commission (CEC) hearing were received from municipalities and members of the public.

Following a thorough review of the concerns raised throughout the environmental assessment and review, the director of the Environmental Approvals Branch has recommended that a CEC hearing be held. Due to the significant public interest involved, as well as the need for a thorough technical review of the proposal, I have decided to accept the recommendation.

In accordance with section 6(5) of The Environment Act, I will be requesting the CEC to conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed CanWhite Sands Corp. silica sand extraction project. I will be requesting that the CEC review process begin as soon as possible, and I will provide the CEC with a review mandate and Terms of Reference to guide the process. Additionally, I will be requesting a final report with recommendations, including on licensing conditions, in accordance with section 7(3) of The Environment Act.

Please be advised that this decision will be also communicated with the public who participated in the environmental assessment and licensing process.

Please contact Laura Pyles, Acting Director, Environmental Approvals Branch, regarding information obtained through the environmental assessment process. The CEC will be in contact regarding the public hearing.

Warm regards,



Sarah Guillemard
Minister

c. Laura Pyles