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Mr. Ed Taje, Senior Inspector of Mines
Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources
Mining and Minerals Division
P.O. Box 9395, Station Provincial Government
Victoria, B. C. V8W 9M9

Dear Mr. Taje,

Re: Mission Hill Project - Pan Pacific Aggregates Ltd – applicant, Rudi Riepe

Pan Pacific Aggregates has again applied to remove aggregate from the Sunshine Coast, this time at the south end of their land mass. We presently have an aggregate mining operation on the other side of our inlet that is denuding our landscape to the point it can be easily seen from space. We do not need another attack on our beautiful but fragile environment.

The majority of the aggregate from the present mining operation is shipped to California. This State does not allow mining of this type as it is too damaging to their environment. Our Premier, Gordon Campbell has publicly stated he is going "Green". Surely it is time our government adhered to his policy of going "Green". One sacred and primary function of all Governments is to safeguard our fragile environment and thus ensure it will be preserved for our children and for theirs.

The Sunshine Coast is a pristine Tourism destination for people from around the world, including of course those living in the greater Vancouver Regional district. Our main financial resource base is from Tourism, not the minor employment provided by mining.

The project is also not really operational from a pragmatic point of view. The location of the proposed project is far too close to residents that rely on well water. Their water would become contaminated from the close proximity of the operation of the mining activities.

We agree with the District of Sechelt that the impact on the resident's health, livelihood, and overall well being, including the ability of the community to fight fires would be disastrous. The members of the Sechelt Village Community Association urge you to turn down this application for aggregate mining on the Sunshine Coast. Thanking you for your time and consideration in this regard, we remain,

Sincerely,

K. Douglas Smith, President – Sechelt Village Community Association

C. Gordon Campbell - Premier, British Columbia