

TERMS OF REFERENCE - NOTICE OF APPROVAL

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT

SUBSECTION 17.4(10)

APPROVAL OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

FOR

THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

RE: Proponent: Stelco Inc.

Project: Quarry Landfill Expansion, Stelco Lake Erie Works, Nanticoke

EA File No.: 23006

The proponent having submitted the amended Terms of Reference for approval under Part II of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and Part II of the Act having been subsequently revoked, pursuant to section 5 of O. Reg. 53/24 the Terms of Reference is deemed to have been submitted under Part II.3 of the Act.

As provided for by subsection 17.4(10) of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, the amended Terms of Reference submitted for approval to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on November 6, 2023 (amended Terms of Reference) to govern the preparation of an environmental assessment for the above-noted project, is hereby approved.

Pursuant to subsection 17.6 (1) of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, any environmental assessment for the above-noted project given to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks must be prepared in accordance with the amended Terms of Reference, as hereby approved.

Reasons:

I am satisfied that an environmental assessment prepared in accordance with the amended Terms of Reference, will be consistent with the purpose of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and the public interest for the following reasons:

1. The amended Terms of Reference provides that the environmental assessment will be completed using a comprehensive public, Indigenous and government agency consultation process that is open and transparent;
2. The amended Terms of Reference provides adequate rationale for focusing the environmental assessment;
3. The amended Terms of Reference provides an appropriate level of detail to confirm that the completed environmental assessment should contain a sufficient level of detail to accurately assess the environmental effects of alternative methods;
4. The amended Terms of Reference sets out a planning process that will ensure the completed environmental assessment will be consistent with the purpose of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and the public interest; and,
5. There are no outstanding issues that have not been incorporated into the amended Terms of Reference or that cannot be addressed during the preparation of the environmental assessment.

Dated the 10th day of May, 2024 at TORONTO.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Khan', is written over a horizontal line.

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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