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Honourable Blaine Pedersen,
Minister of Agriculture and Resource Development
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Subject: QUARRY REHAB PROGRAM – RESTART ANNOUNCED

Dear Minister,

Further to our August 11 letter, the MHCA very sincerely thanks you and welcomes your announcements made at today's townhall, signaling intention to flow \$6.7 million in quarry rehabilitation work in construction season 2020, through the provincial Quarry Rehab Program. This is very good news for RMs, their constituents and industry.

We respectfully wish to encourage two critical steps going forward which are supported by the broad communities keen on seeing a re-invigorated, purpose and outcomes driven program beginning in 2021, namely:

1. Assurance that the QRP funded by an extraction levy dedicated to the rehabilitation of spent quarries under the existing legislation continues; and
2. Referral to the Provincial Aggregate Advisory Committee [PAAC] for a timely consensus driven consultation to review and make recommendations to you as minister related to all aspects of the QRP.

One additional note relates to COR™ Certification as a condition of contract. We seek your clarification and confirmation that the provincial policy which requires COR™ as a condition of contract award, for publicly funded projects valued more than \$100,000, shall continue. The extraction levy once collected is public funds, and projects valued above the threshold should continue to require COR™ Certification as a condition of contract award. This helps ensure the safety of the workers and public, and compliance with provincial workplace safety legislation.

We know this file has been difficult and presented it challenges. We look forward to collaboratively working with you towards outcomes that benefit the important objectives underpinning the Quarry Rehabilitation Program.

Best regards,

MANITOBA HEAVY CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION

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