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Dear Mr. Campbell,

I am pleased to inform you that the Minister has approved the Terms of Reference for the Durham/York Residual Waste Study. Please find attached a copy of the Minister's letter and the Notice of Approval. The originals of these documents will follow in the mail.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samantha".

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Mr. Andy Campbell
Director
Solid Waste Management Branch
Regional Municipality of York
Transportation and Works Department

c/o Durham/York Residual Waste Study
605 Rossland Road East
Whitby ON L1N 6A3

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Thank you for submitting your Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Durham/York Residual Waste Study on December 31, 2005, as amended on February 17, 2006. The ministry has completed its review and I wish to inform you that I have approved the amended ToR for the preparation of an environmental assessment with respect to the Durham/York Residual Waste Study.

I congratulate the Regional Municipalities of Durham and York for having the foresight to develop a long-term plan and for seeking local solutions. Furthermore, I commend the Regions' commitments to expand diversion programs to achieve a goal of 60% diversion by 2011. This is a critical component to your long-term waste management plan and I trust that your consideration of residual waste processing systems will not come at the expense of your waste diversion goals.

As required by subsection 6.1(1) of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, the environmental assessment must now be prepared in accordance with the approved ToR. While this approval provides additional certainty to your environmental assessment decision-making process, it does not secure approval of an undertaking. The Regions of Durham and York are responsible for fulfilling the commitments outlined in the ToR and providing the appropriate level of quality in the environmental assessment.

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Should you wish to vary significantly from your approved ToR in preparing your environmental assessment, you will need to submit a (new/amended) ToR for my approval. In the event of any uncertainty, you should consult with the Ministry of the Environment through the Ministry's Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch.

Should you require further assistance please contact Ms. Samantha Kassel, Project Officer of the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch, at telephone 416-314-8214 or by email at samantha.kassel@ene.gov.on.ca.

Yours truly,



Raul C. Broten
Minister of the Environment

Attachment

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TERMS OF REFERENCE - NOTICE OF APPROVAL

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT

SECTION 6.(4)

APPROVAL OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

FOR

THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

RE: Proponent: Regional Municipalities of Durham and York

Undertaking: Durham/York Residual Waste Study

EA File No.: EA 02 08

As provided for by section 6.(4) of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, Terms of Reference, as submitted for approval to the Ministry of the Environment on December 31, 2005, and revised through the submission of Terms of Reference dated February 17, 2006, to govern the preparation of an environmental assessment for the above-noted undertaking, are hereby approved.

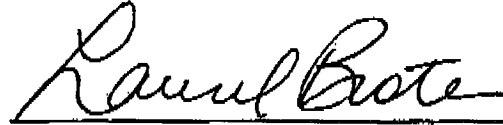
Pursuant to subsection 6.1(1) of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, any environmental assessment for the above-noted undertaking, submitted to the Ministry of the Environment pursuant to subsection 6.2(1) of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, must be prepared in accordance with the Terms of Reference as hereby approved.

Reasons for approval:

1. The ToR ensures that the EA will be completed using a comprehensive public and government agency consultation process that is open and transparent;
2. The ToR ensures that the completed EA will contain a sufficient level of detail to accurately assess the environmental effects of all alternatives and the proposed undertaking; and,
3. The ToR sets out a planning process that will ensure the completed EA will be consistent with the purpose of the EAA and the public interest.

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Dated the 31 day of March, 2006 at TORONTO.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Raul Bote", written over a horizontal line.

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