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Russell J. Anthony
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Dear Russell Anthony:

Re: Ministers' Decision on Environmental Assessment Certificate for the Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project

On July 28, 2004, the Ministers of Sustainable Resource Management; Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services; and Water, Land and Air Protection approved the Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project and issued Environmental Assessment Certificate W04-04.

Enclosed for your records are copies of the:

- Environmental Assessment Certificate W04-04;
- Recommendations of the Executive Director and Reasons for Recommendations; and
- Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Assessment Report.

The enclosed materials are public documents, and will be placed on the Environmental Assessment Office's (EAO) electronic Project Information Centre (EAO website) in Victoria.

The certificate (including Schedule A) contains a number of conditions to which Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Ltd. (VCCEP Ltd.) has agreed. In addition, VCCEP Ltd. is responsible for obtaining any necessary approvals, permits, or licenses required for the construction and operation of the project.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (250) 356-7483.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hagen".

Jan E. Hagen
Project Assessment Director

Enclosures: Environmental Assessment Certificate W04-04
Recommendations of the Executive Director and Reasons for Recommendations
Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project Assessment Report

cc: EAO Project Information Centre