



January 28, 2009
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Essex Region Conservation Authority
360 Fairview Avenue West
Essex, Ontario
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Attention: Dan Lebedyk, Conservation Biologist

Re: **Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) Environmental Assessment Study**

Dear Mr. Lebedyk:

Thank you for your comments submitted in response to the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Report made available for review between Wednesday, November 12, 2008 and Friday, December 12, 2008.

Your acknowledgement of the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) study team's extensive consideration of the natural environment has been noted and is appreciated.

The Environmental Assessment Report (the EA Report), which reflects comments received from all stakeholders during the review period noted above was filed with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) on December 31, 2008. This report has also been circulated to external stakeholders including relevant agencies, municipalities, and First Nations, and has been made available for public review at a number of locations within the study area (refer to enclosed *Notice of Submission of Ontario Environmental Assessment*). Anyone wishing to provide comments on the EA Report must submit their comments in writing and/or by fax to the Ministry of the Environment by **Friday February 27, 2009**. All comments must be submitted to:

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During future design stages, the Partnership will continue to consult with Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA), as well as other stakeholders on various aspects of The DRIC Study.

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Your contact information remains on our contact list and you will receive study updates and be notified in advance of future events related to this project. If you have any further comments or require additional information, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Again, thank you for your participation and comments.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Murray Thompson'.

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