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Our Ref.: 33015835

County of Essex  
Engineering Department  
360 Fairview Avenue West  
Essex, Ontario  
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Attention: Mr. Tom Bateman, P.Eng., County Engineer

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

Dear Mr. Bateman:

Thank you for your comments dated December 8, 2008 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 concerns on the topics of the Todd Lane/Cabana Road West intersection operations, tunnel lengths, the trail network and the proposed northbound freeway off-ramp at Labelle Street have been addressed in a letter dated December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008, which responded to your comments of June 9, 2008 and was mailed to you prior to receiving your comments on the draft EA Report. A copy of our December 9<sup>th</sup> letter is enclosed for your convenience. We trust it adequately addresses the County's concerns on these issues.

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:

**Catherine McLennon, Special Project Officer**  
**Ministry of the Environment**  
EA Project Coordination Section  
Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch  
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During future design stages, the Partnership will continue to consult with the public, as well as agency and municipal stakeholders, on various aspects of the DRIC Study. In particular, there will be more opportunities to discuss specific design treatments for noise berms and/or barriers, the urban and landscape design of the parkland areas, and related construction issues.

The contact information for the County of Essex will remain on our contact list and you will receive study updates and be notified in advance of upcoming meetings and events related to this project. If you have any further comments or require additional information, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Murray Thompson', written over a thin vertical red line.

Murray Thompson, P.Eng.  
Consultant Project Manager

cc. Catherine McLennon, MOE  
Dave Wake, MTO  
Roger Ward, MTO  
Joel Foster, MTO

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