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120 Iber Road, Unit 203
Stittsville, Ontario K2S 1E9

Attention: Adam D. Fobert, P.Eng.

Subject: **Submission of Finished Grading Plan relating to Approval for an earth berm on a property at part of Unit 19, Index Plan 4D-23 and part of Lot 2, Concession 2, former Township of Goulbourn, now in the City of Ottawa, bounded by Ottawa Street to the North and the Jock River to the south within the Village of Richmond.**

Dear Mr. Fobert,

The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority has reviewed the submitted documentation relating to the conditional approval issued to Mattamy Ltd. March 3, 2009 concerning the relocation of a Berm within the 1:100 year Flood Plain of the Jock River and the reinstatement of grade elevations at the original berm site. The submission includes a restoration Landscape Plan prepared by MMM Group dated September 2009 and an assessment of the Plan by Kilgour & Associates dated October 15, 2009.

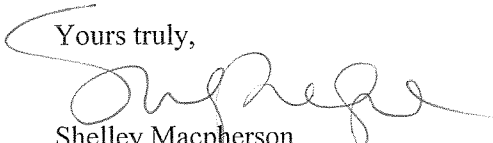
The "as built" grading plan completed by J.D. Barnes, dated November 19, 2009 indicates that the work was completed as per the approval. A final field visit to document the work site was not completed prior to snow cover. The proposed planting includes 3 Silver Maple, 2 Hackberry, 6 Black Willow, 32 Cedars 27 Speckled Alder, 27 Saskatoon Berry, 27 Red Osier Dogwood, 27 Grey Dogwood, 27 Staghorn Sumac, 70 Hoary Willow, 70 Pussy Willow, 70 Sandbar Willow and 70 Meadowsweet. Upon completion of the planting and a final site visit to confirm the as built conditions, the Performance Deposit will be processed.

As for the amendment of the RVCA flood lines and regulation limit, please be advised that the area behind the installed berms is still subject to shallow depth flooding under 1:100 year flood conditions due to backwater effects extending from the Jock River (at 96.25 metres above sea level) upstream along the existing artificial drain and then along the Ottawa Street Roadside ditch. It is recognized that the area behind the berms is proposed to be filled and when that is complete the flood line amendment process can be implemented.

It is our understanding that the future of the existing artificial drainage ditch that runs through the property will be determined through the Official Plan Amendment/Community Design Plan process and the supporting Storm Water Management Plan. Flood plain mapping amendments cannot be made until confirmation of finished grades in the areas behind the berm are completed.

Please indicate to our office the completion of the Restoration Landscape Plan and the deposit return will be processed as soon as possible, following a field inspection.

Yours truly,


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Regulations Planner

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