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Mr. Don Fudge
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RE: Leo Alarie & Sons Quarry Project

Dear Mr. Fudge,

Thank you for your recent presentation to our Chamber Board regarding the proposed new Tisdale Quarry Project. As a business organization, representing 530 business members in the City of Timmins, who are dedicated to the vision of making Timmins the best place to live and do business, the Board of Directors of the Timmins Chamber of Commerce, is pleased to offer our support for the project.

The new quarry would create jobs in our City and provide much needed aggregate for concrete supply, which is currently in demand for construction. We understand that the current aggregate supply in our community is not suitable for this application.

We have had the opportunity to review the proposal along with other community partners such as the hospital and Timmins Economic Development Corporation and based on the current information we have been provided, we support amending the zoning to allow this project to proceed.

The Board, however, does not feel sufficiently informed to comment on the environmental or social concerns surrounding this project. We are certain should your company be able to provide further information and assurances to the citizens of our community that this project will come to fruition.

Please extend our congratulations to Leo Alarie & Sons for their entrepreneurial spirit and pride in our hometown as they pursue further business opportunities right here in Timmins.

Our Board of Directors looks forward to updates on the progress of this important project.

Sincerely,

Tom Laughren
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Timmins Chamber of Commerce