ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE APPROVAL

NUMBER 9869-DXTQUF
Issue Date: October 15, 2026

The Sarjeant Company Limited
15 Sarjeant Drive
Barrie, Ontario
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Site Location: The Sarjeant Co. Ltd. - Pit 3
2065 Line 7 North
Township of Oro-Medonte, County of Simcoe

You have applied under section 20.2 of Part II.1 of the Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E. 19 (Environmental Protection Act) for approval of:

the establishment, use and operation of sewage works servicing approximately 43.82 hectares of existing Oro Pit No.3 site, located in the Township of Oro-Medonte, Ontario, for the treatment and re-use of washwater generated from the aggregate washing process, consisting of the following:

Existing Works:

- **Pond A (supply pond):** pond A, used as a supply pond for Wash Plant 1, approximately 60 m x 60 m (3,600 sq.m) with a depth of about 3 metre, receives recycled water from the wash plant via the settling pond 1, identified below, along with top up water receives from Well 2 on an as-needed basis;

- **Transfer Pump 1:** one (1) Transfer Pump to transfer water from Pond A (identified above) to the Aggregate Wash Plant 1, at a rate of 4,542 to 5,678 litres per minute;

- **Settling Pond 1:** one (1) settling pond, receives discharge water from the wash plant 1, irregular in shape and approximately 2,800 sq.m area with a depth of approximately 3 metre, perched above the phreatic water surface (water table), allowing fine-grained sediment settles out of the water as the water flows by gravity through the settling pond and then through a weir back into Pond A;

- **Pond B (holding pond):** one (1) holding pond, to supply water to Oro Pit No. 4, approximately 40 m x 35 m (1,400 sq.m) with a depth of about 3 metre, lined with a 12-mil

polypropylene liner, along with top up water receives from Well 2, on an as-needed basis;

- **Transfer Pump 2:** one (1) Transfer Pump to transfer water from Pond B to Oro Pit No. 4, at a rate of 1,136 litres per minute;

- the location and size of the supply, holding, and settling ponds, as identified above, can be moved on the pit floor, based on the operational requirements;

including all other controls and appurtenances essential for the proper operation of the aforementioned Works;

all in accordance with the submitted application and supporting documents listed in Schedule A forming part of this Approval.

For the purpose of this environmental compliance approval, the following definitions apply:

1. "Approval" means this entire Environmental Compliance Approval and any Schedules attached to it;

2. "Director" means a person appointed by the Minister pursuant to section 5 of the EPA for the purposes of Part II.1 of the EPA;

3. "District Manager" means the District Manager of the appropriate local District Office of the Ministry, where the Works are geographically located;

4. "EPA" means the *Environmental Protection Act,* R.S.O. 1990, c.E.19, as amended;

5. "Existing Works" means those portions of the Works included in the Approval that have been constructed previously;

6. "Ministry" means the ministry of the government of Ontario responsible for the EPA and OWRA and includes all officials, employees or other persons acting on its behalf;

7. "Owner" means The Sarjeant Company Limited and its successors and assignees;

8. "OWRA" means the *Ontario Water Resources Act* , R.S.O. 1990, c. O.40, as amended;

9. "Works" means the approved sewage works, and includes Existing Works.

You are hereby notified that this environmental compliance approval is issued to you subject to the terms and conditions outlined below:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The Owner shall ensure that any person authorized to carry out work on or operate any aspect of the Works is notified of this Approval and the terms and conditions herein and shall take all reasonable measures to ensure any such person complies with the same.

2. The Owner shall design, construct, operate and maintain the Works in accordance with the conditions of this Approval.

3. Where there is a conflict between a provision of any document referred to in this Approval and the conditions of this Approval, the conditions in this Approval shall take precedence.

4. The issuance of, and compliance with the conditions of this Approval does not:

    a. relieve any person of any obligation to comply with any provision of any applicable statute, regulation or other legal requirement, including, but not limited to, the obligation to obtain approval from the local conservation authority necessary to construct or operate the Works; or

    b. limit in any way the authority of the Ministry to require certain steps be taken to require the Owner to furnish any further information related to compliance with this Approval.

2. CHANGE OF OWNER

1. The Owner shall notify the District Manager and the Director, in writing, of any of the following changes within thirty (30) days of the change occurring:

    a. change of address of Owner;

    b. change of Owner, including address of new owner;

    c. change of partners where the Owner is or at any time becomes a partnership, and a copy of the most recent declaration filed under the *Business Names Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. B.17* shall be included in the notification;

    d. change of name of the corporation and a copy of the most current information filed under the *Corporations Information Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.39* shall be included in the notification.

2. In the event of any change in ownership of the Works, other than a change in ownership to the municipality, i.e. assumption of the Works, the Owner shall notify the succeeding owner in writing of the existence of this Approval, and a copy of such notice shall be forwarded to the District Manager and the Director.

3. The Owner shall ensure that all communications made pursuant to this condition refer to the

number of this Approval.

3. RECORD DRAWINGS

1. A set of record drawings of the Works shall be kept up to date through revisions undertaken from time to time and a copy shall be readily accessible for reference at the Works.

4. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

1. The Owner shall ensure that, at all times, the Works and the related equipment and appurtenances used to achieve compliance with this Approval are properly operated and maintained. Proper operation and maintenance shall include effective performance, adequate staffing and training, including training in all procedures and other requirements of this Approval and the OWRA and relevant regulations made under the OWRA, process controls and alarms and the use of process chemicals and other substances used in the Works.

2. The Owner shall ensure that at all times, the Works and related equipment and appurtenances which are installed or used to achieve compliance with this Approval are properly operated and maintained. The Owner shall also ensure that all monitoring programs and maintenance schedules for the Works are complied with.

3. The Owner shall prepare the operations manual for the Works, that includes, but not necessarily limited to, the following information:

    a. operating procedures for the Works under Normal Operating Conditions;

    b. inspection programs, including frequency of inspection, for the Works and the methods or tests employed to detect when maintenance is necessary;

    c. repair and maintenance programs, including the frequency of repair and maintenance for the Works;

    d. a spill prevention control and countermeasures plan, consisting of contingency plans and procedures for dealing with equipment breakdowns, potential spills and any other abnormal situations, including notification of the Spills Action Centre (SAC) and District Manager;

    e. procedures for receiving, responding and recording public complaints, including recording any followup actions taken.

4. The Owner shall maintain an up to date operations manual and make the manual readily accessible for reference at the Works for the operational life of the Works. Upon request, the Owner shall make the manual available to Ministry staff.

5. The Owner shall, upon identification of any spill, bypass or loss of any product, by-product,

intermediate product, oil, fuel, solvent, waste material or any other polluting substance into the environment, take immediate action to prevent the further occurrence of such loss and prevent the substance from entering the pond(s).

6. During the period when aggregate washing is occurring, the Owner shall undertake monthly visual inspections of the Works for potential spills, structural integrity of the perimeter containment berms and accumulation of sediment in the Works and undertake corrective measures, if necessary, to ensure continued suspended solids removal performance of the Works, with results recorded in a log book.

7. The Owner shall periodically visually monitor the amount of sediment accumulating in the pond(s), to ensure continued suspended solids removal performance of the quarry sump, with results recorded in a log book. No sediment shall be used on Site for rehabilitation without complying with all applicable laws in place at the time of reuse.

8. Notwithstanding any other Condition in this Approval, the Owner shall ensure that the effluent from the Works is essentially free of floating and settleable solids and does not contain oil or any other substance in amounts sufficient to create a visible film, sheen, foam or discolouration on the receiving waters.

9. The Owner shall maintain a logbook to record the results of these inspections and any cleaning and maintenance operations undertaken, and shall keep the logbook at the Owner's office for the operational life of the Works and be made available for Ministry staff upon request. The logbook shall include the following:

    a. the name of the Works;

    b. the name of the inspector who conducted each inspection;

    c. the date and results of each inspection, description of maintenance and cleaning, including an estimate of the quantity of any materials removed and method of clean-out of the Works;

    d. the date measurement of sediment was undertaken, the amount of sediment measured, if sediment removal was undertaken and where any removed sediment was disposed.

10. The Owner shall retain for a minimum of **five (5) years** from the date of their creation, all records and information related to or resulting from the operation and maintenance activities required by this Approval.

5. REPORTING

1. The Owner shall, upon request, make all reports, manuals, plans, records, data, procedures and supporting documentation available to Ministry staff.

2. In addition to the obligations under Part X of the EPA and O. Reg. 675/98 (Classification and

Exemption Of Spills and Reporting of Discharges**)**, the Owner shall, within fifteen (15) days of the occurrence of any reportable spill as provided in Part X of the EPA and Ontario Regulation 675/98*,* submit a full written report of the occurrence to the District Manager describing the cause and discovery of the spill, clean-up and recovery measures taken, preventative measures to be taken and a schedule of implementation.

3. The Owner shall prepare a report, keep it current with regularly updated, and made available upon request by the District Manager. The report shall contain, but shall not be limited to, the following information:

   a. a description of any operating problems encountered and corrective actions taken;

   b. a summary of all maintenance carried out on any major structure, equipment, apparatus, mechanism or thing forming part of the Works, including an estimate of the quantity of any materials removed from the Works;

   c. a summary of any complaints received during the reporting period and any steps taken to address the complaints;

   d. a summary of all spill or abnormal discharge events; and

   e. any other information the District Manager requires from time to time.

Schedule A

1. Application for Environmental Compliance Approval, dated January 24, 2024 and received on January 26, 2024, submitted by Harden Environmental Services Ltd., on behalf of The Sarjeant Company Limited, along with all other supporting information, including engineering drawings prepared by Harden Environmental Services Ltd.

2. Design Brief for the ECA application, dated January 11 2024, for a closed loop aggregate wash plant located within Oro Pit No. 3, situated in Oro Station, Township of Oro Medonte, prepared by Harden Environmental Services Ltd.

The reasons for the imposition of these terms and conditions are as follows:

1. Condition 1 is imposed to ensure that the Works are constructed and operated in the manner in which they were described and upon which approval was granted. This condition is also included to emphasize the precedence of conditions in the Approval and the practice that the Approval is based on the most current document, if several conflicting documents are submitted for review. Condition 1.4 is included to emphasize that the issuance of this Approval does not diminish any other statutory and regulatory obligations to which the Owner is subject in the construction, maintenance and operation of the Works. The Condition specifically highlights the need to obtain any necessary conservation authority approvals. The Condition also emphasizes the fact that this Approval doesn't limit the authority of the Ministry to require further information.

2. Condition 2 is included to ensure that the Ministry records are kept accurate and current with respect to the approved Works and to ensure that subsequent owners of the Works are made aware of the Approval and continue to operate the Works in compliance with it.

3. Condition 3 is included to ensure that the Works are constructed in accordance with the approval and that record drawings of the Works "as constructed" are maintained for future references.

4. Condition 4 is included as regular inspection and necessary removal of sediment and excessive decaying vegetation from the Works are required to mitigate the impact of sediment, debris and/or decaying vegetation on the treatment capacity of the Works. The Condition also ensures that adequate storage is maintained in the Works at all times as required by the design. Furthermore, this Condition is included to ensure that the Works are operated and maintained to function as designed.

5. Condition 5 is included to provide a performance record for future references, to ensure that the Ministry is made aware of problems as they arise, and to provide a compliance record for all the terms and conditions outlined in this Approval, so that the Ministry can work with the Owner in resolving any problems in a timely manner.

In accordance with Section 139 of the *Environmental Protection Act,* you may by written notice served upon me, the Ontario Land Tribunal and in accordance with Section 47 of the *Environmental Bill of Rights,* 1993, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, within 15 days after receipt of this notice, require a hearing by the Tribunal. The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks will place notice of your appeal on the Environmental Registry. Section 142 of the *Environmental Protection Act* provides that the notice requiring the hearing ("the Notice") shall state:

a. The portions of the environmental compliance approval or each term or condition in the environmental compliance approval in respect of which the hearing is required, and;
b. The grounds on which you intend to rely at the hearing in relation to each portion appealed.

The Notice should also include:

1. The name of the appellant;
2. The address of the appellant;
3. The environmental compliance approval number;
4. The date of the environmental compliance approval;
5. The name of the Director, and;
6. The municipality or municipalities within which the project is to be engaged in.

And the Notice should be signed and dated by the appellant.

This Notice must be served upon:

Registrar*
Ontario Land Tribunal
655 Bay Street, Suite 1500
Toronto, Ontario
M5G 1E5
OLT.Registrar@ontario.ca

and

The Minister of the Environment,
Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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and

The Director appointed for the purposes of
Part II.1 of the *Environmental Protection Act*
Ministry of the Environment,
Conservation and Parks
40 St. Clair Avenue West, 2nd Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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*** Further information on the Ontario Land Tribunal's requirements for an appeal can be obtained directly from the Tribunal at: Tel: (416) 212-6349 or 1 (866) 448-2248, or www.olt.gov.on.ca**

This instrument is subject to Section 38 of the *Environmental Bill of Rights,* 1993, that allows residents of Ontario to seek leave to appeal the decision on this instrument. Residents of Ontario may seek leave to appeal within 15 days from the date this decision is placed on the Environmental Registry. By accessing the Environmental Registry at https://ero.ontario.ca/, you can determine when the leave to appeal period ends.

The above noted activity is approved under s.20.3 of Part II.1 of the *Environmental Protection Act.*

DATED AT TORONTO this 15th day of October, 2026

Fariha Pannu.

Fariha Pannu, P.Eng.
Director
appointed for the purposes of Part II.1 of the
Environmental Protection Act

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